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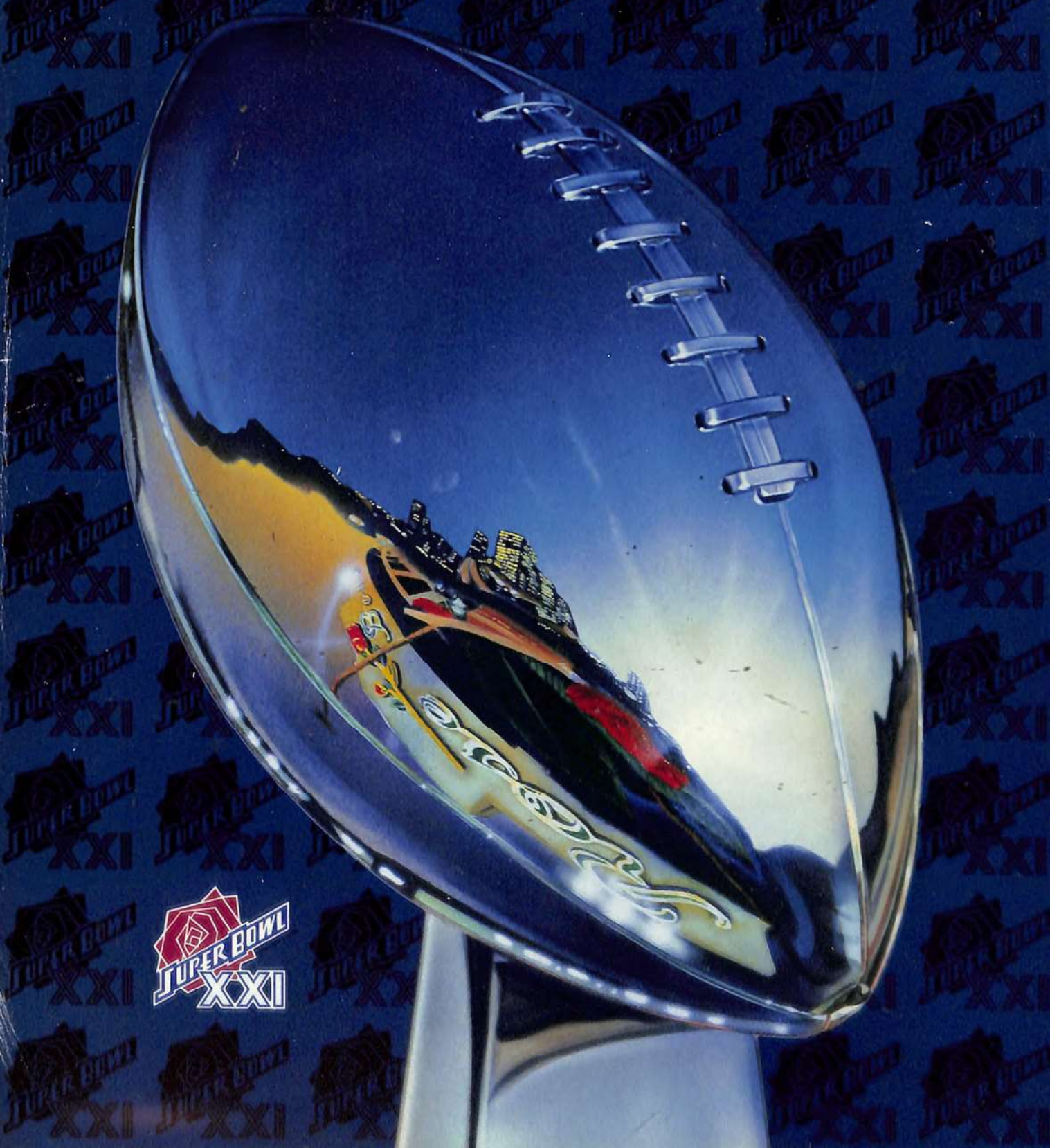

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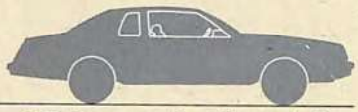

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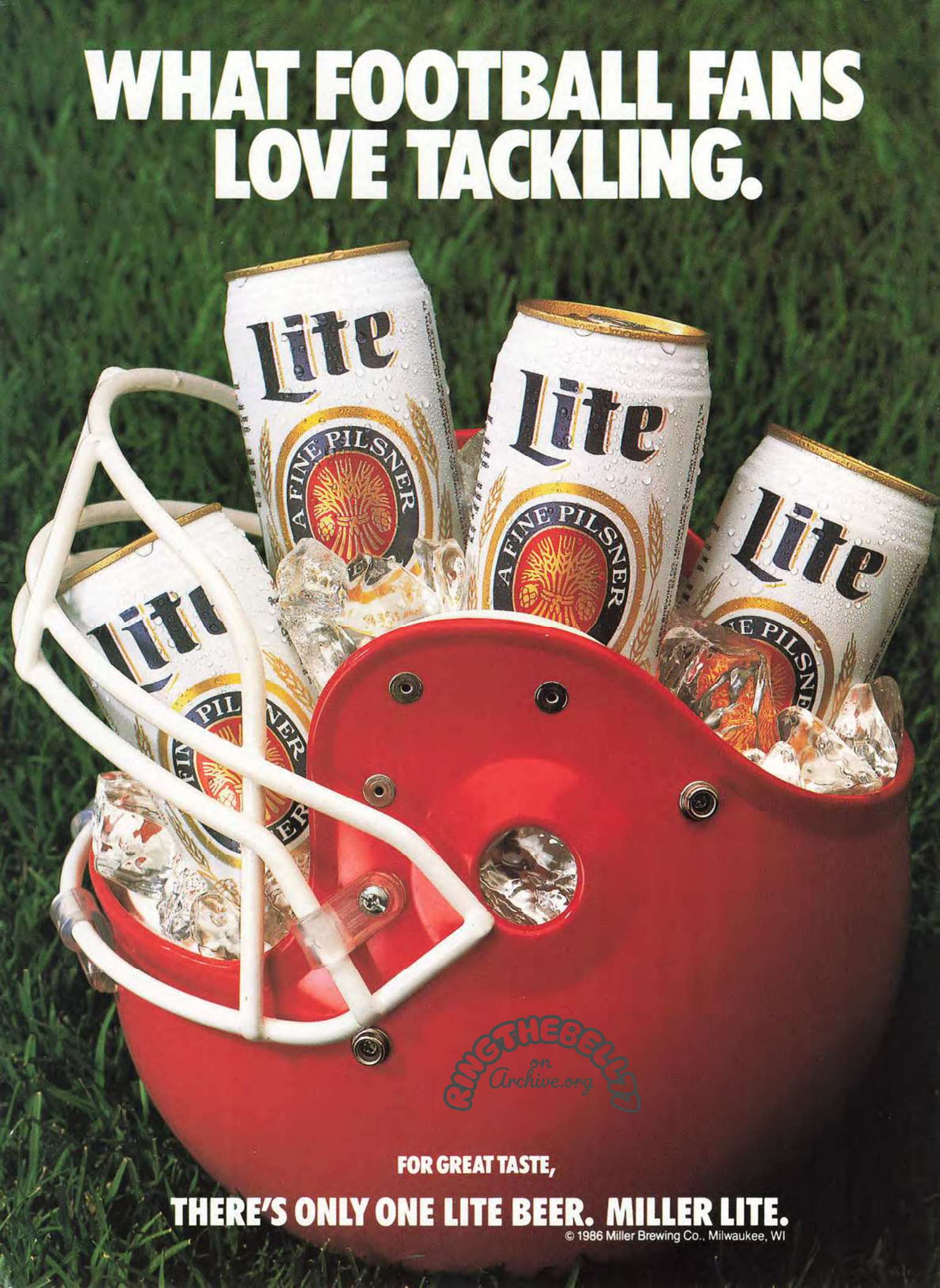

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SUPER BOWL XXI
HOT INFO

A Day-of-the-Game Guide

- The pregame show, a salute to California starring the Beach Boys, also will feature a one-hundredth anniversary tribute to United Way.
- Superstar singer/songwriter Neil Diamond will sing the National Anthem.
- Pro Football Hall of Fame defensive end Willie Davis will toss the coin prior to kickoff.
- The kickoff of Super Bowl XXI will be at 3:15 P.M. PST.
- The NFC champion will be the home team for Super Bowl XXI and will use the east bench. The AFC champion will be the visiting team and will use the west bench. The NFC champion, as the home team, will have the choice of jersey color.
- Each member of the winning team will receive $36,000, and each member of the losing team will receive $18,000—in excess of $2.6 million for the personnel of the competing clubs.
- If the game is tied at the end of the regulation 60 minutes, it will continue in sudden-death overtime. The team scoring first—by touchdown, field goal, or safety—will win. NFL preseason and regular-season games have a maximum of one 15-minute overtime period. But in postseason games, play continues by 15-minute periods, with two-minute intermissions, until there is a winner.
- Television coverage of today's game on CBS begins at 4 P.M. EST with the pregame show. The game telecast starts at 6 P.M.
- NBC Radio's game broadcast begins at 5 P.M. EST with a one-hour pregame show.
- The U.S. Postal Service has set up a Super Bowl station at the Rose Bowl, where a special Super Bowl XXI stamp cancellation is available.
- Walt Disney Productions is staging a spectacular halftime show celebration of Hollywood, the Land of Make Believe, which includes hundreds of performers and two audience-participation card stunts.

HALFTIME CARD-STUNT INSTRUCTIONS

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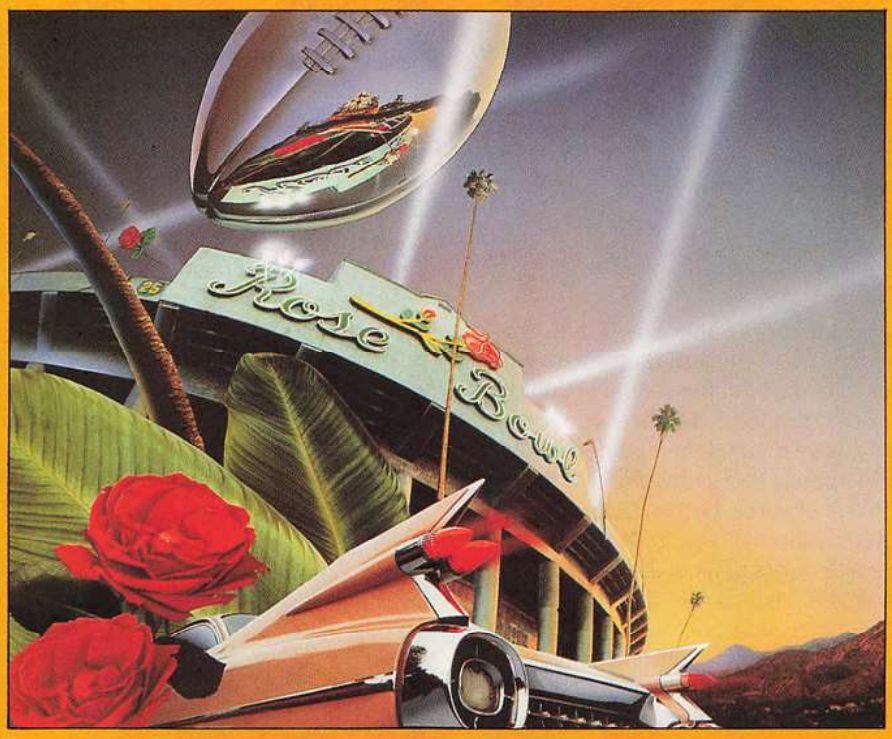

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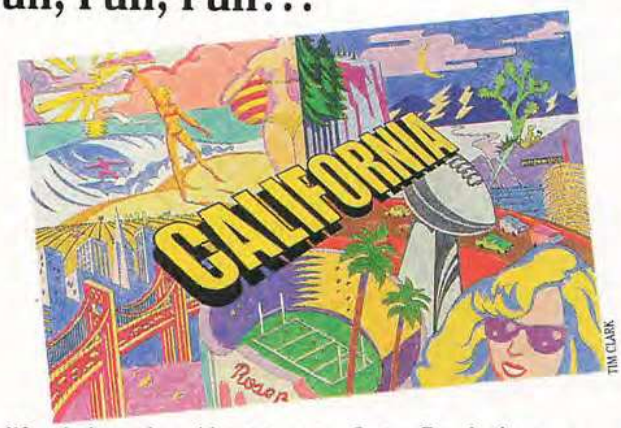


California has played host to more Super Bowls than any other state. But it never has had a pregame show to match today's, which features that most quintessential of California bands, the Beach Boys. Producer Bob Best and associate producer Ed Jones have divided their golden salute to the Golden State into three acts. The highlight of the first segment is a trivia test of sorts, focusing on some of the most popular television shows of the 1960s and 1970s. While each show's theme song is played, the DiamondVision screens will be flashing footage from the shows (provided by CBS Entertainment, Viacom, NBC Entertainment, Republic Pictures, and Orion Television Syndication). On the field, 550 dancers will form the outline of a television set and perform dance routines (choreographed by Lesslee Fitzmorris) keyed to each show.

The Beach Boys lead off the second act. As the field is transformed into a giant California beach scene, the band will sing one of its all-time great hits, "Surfin' USA." The Beach Boys' first appearance at the Super Bowl also coincides with their twenty-fifth anniversary as a group. The band includes vocalist/guitarist Al Jardine, vocalist/keyboardist Bruce Johnston, vocalist Mike Love, vocalist/bassist Brian Wilson, and vocalist/guitarist Carl Wilson.

The Beach Boys provide the music for the third act as well. While they sing another of their hits, "California Girls," the world's largest California postcard will be assembled on the field. The postcard, which measures 35 x 20 yards, is made up of 455 rolled segments and depicts California landmark images. Los Angeles illustrator Tim Clark created the colorful design.

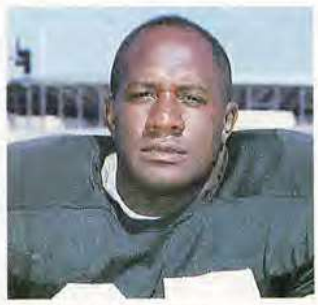
As the pregame show comes to a close, the NFL's unofficial theme song, "This is the NFL," by Jeffrey Osborne, will be played. Introductions of the players will follow.

Neil Diamond

Singer/songwriter Neil Diamond's song "America" is the signal for the postcard on the field to undergo a spectacular transformation; its flip side is an American flag. As if the singing of the National Anthem by Diamond —hot on the heels of his best-selling "Headed for the Future" album and concert tour—weren't enough, an all-America fireworks display concludes the show.

Heads or Tails?

Pro Football Hall of Fame member Willie Davis will make the ceremonial pregame coin toss just prior to the kickoff of today's game. Davis is well acquainted with the postseason coin-toss ceremony. In his 10 seasons (1960-69) as a defensive end and captain of Vince Lombardi's Green Bay Packers, he played on six conference championship teams and five world champions, including Super Bowls I and II. He never missed a game in his career with the Packers. Davis originally was drafted out of Grambling by Cleveland on the fifteenth round in 1956. After two years in the Army, he played two seasons for the Browns on both the offensive and defensive lines. Davis was traded to Green Bay, where second-year head coach Lombardi, noting Davis's quickness and reaction time, put him at defensive end. Davis owned the position; he was named all-pro five times in a six-year span (1962, 1964-67), and played in the Pro Bowl five years in a row (1964-68).



Willie Davis: business success followed football success.

Upon his retirement in 1969, Davis put his master's degree in business from the University of Chicago to good use during offseasons. He now owns four radio stations and a Los Angeles beer distributorship.

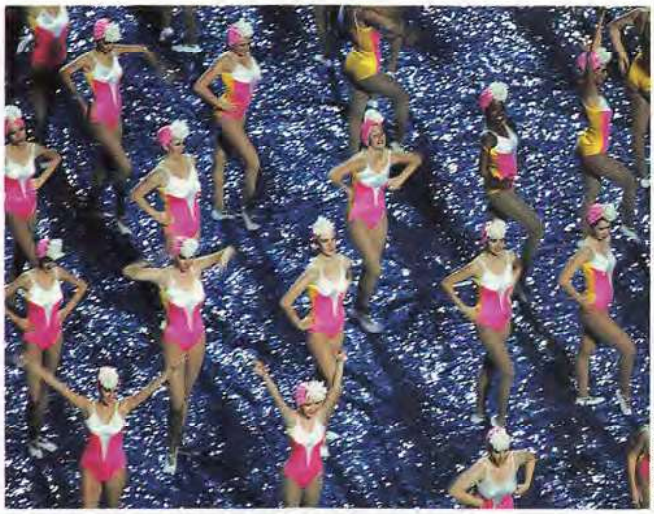
Game of Fame

Davis is one of 11 Hall of Fame enshrinees who took part in the first Super Bowl game — January 15, 1967, at the Los Angeles Coliseum. In what then was known as the AFL-NFL World Championship Game, Green Bay upheld the honor of the older, established NFL with a 35-10 victory over the Kansas City Chiefs. The 11 Hall of Fame members include one coach, one owner, two Chiefs players, and seven Packers players. They are: Kansas City owner Lamar Hunt (who also founded the AFL) and linebackers Bobby Bell and Willie Lanier, and, from the Packers, head coach Vince Lombardi, cornerback Herb Adderley, defensive end Willie Davis, offensive tackle Forrest Gregg, halfback Paul Hornung, linebacker Ray Nitschke, quarterback (and Game I and II MVP) Bart Starr, and fullback Jim Taylor.

Lights, Camera, Halftime!

Hollywood, the entertainment capital of the world, celebrates its one-hundredth anniversary in 1987. So what better theme for today's halftime entertainment than a salute to "The Land of Make Believe." And who better to create the show than those purveyors of the ultimate in make-believe, Walt Disney Productions.

When the gun sounds to end the first half of play in Super Bowl XXI, it marks the beginning of non-stop show business action that packs 100 years of Hollywood spectacle into 12 dazzling minutes. Produced by Ron Miziker and directed by Gary Paben, the show will take place on the field and in the stands, where the 100,000-plus fans will become entertainers in two card stunts utilizing the stadium seat cushions provided by GTE. This, the third Super Bowl halftime show staged by the Disney people, includes a cast of 2,000 performers. Auditions began last November for the show, involving a host of southern California high school drill teams and scores of dancers. In addition, a stage crew of nearly 300 volunteers had to be assembled. Because of the sheer magnitude of the production, getting all the participants together for rehearsal was virtually impossible. Instead, various sections worked together, with the first complete, total-cast rehearsal taking place just one week prior to showtime. The biggest challenge is not so much the show itself, but setting the stage for the show. The stage crew has only five minutes to transform the Super Bowl playing field into a huge dance floor stretching from one 35-yard line to the other. This preparation also includes placing 40 light stanchions and two miles of electrical wire.



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Disneyland works its magic at halftime.

"I think the new sound system that has been installed in the Rose Bowl will greatly enhance the audience's enjoyment," says Dennis Despie, vice president of entertainment for Disneyland and Walt Disney World. "But, as we've known at Disneyland for more than thirty years, it takes people to really make it happen."

In addition to the Disneyland entertainment cast and crew and all the local performers and volunteers, other people who helped make the show happen were those from American Airlines (staff travel), General Motors and National Car Rental (transportation), Reebok (shoes and apparel), and Tree Top Apple Juice (refreshments).

TRIVIA

The Only Ones

Getting to the Super Bowl is difficult, but some players and coaches have managed to make it even more notable by gaining "exclusives:"

- Only one man has played in Super Bowls with three different teams. Running back Preston Pearson was with Baltimore in Super Bowl III, Pittsburgh in IX, and Dallas in X, XII, and XIII.
- Only two men have won Super Bowl rings as a player, assistant coach, and head coach. Tom Flores was a backup quarterback for the Kansas City Chiefs in Super Bowl IV, an assistant coach with the Oakland Raiders in XI, and a head coach with the Raiders in XV and XVIII. Mike Ditka played tight end for Dallas in VI, was an assistant with Dallas in XII, and a head coach with Chicago in XX; Forrest Gregg played tackle for Green Bay in I and II, and for Dallas in VI, and was the losing head coach with Cincinnati in XVI.)
- Only one man has played in Super Bowls in three different decades. Oakland Raiders guard Gene Upshaw made it to Games II (1968), XI (1977), and XV (1981).
- Only one team has been held without a touchdown in a Super Bowl. Miami's sole score in Game VI against Dallas was a field goal.
- Only two players ever have scored touchdowns in both the Rose Bowl game and the Super Bowl. Wide receiver Lynn Swann scored for USC in the 1973 Rose Bowl and for Pittsburgh in Super Bowls X, XIII, and XIV. Running back Rob Lytle scored for Michigan in the 1977 Rose Bowl and for Denver in Super Bowl XII.

DiamondVision Visionaries

Artist Joni Carter has done something few NFL teams have ever done—appear in back-to-back Super Bowls. Carter's painting medium is an 800-pound, $100,000, 16-million color computer, on which she creates "live" art. Her high-tech canvas for today's game is the Rose Bowl's 25 x 33-foot DiamondVision screen. Fans in the stands will see scoring plays turned into vibrant works of art just seconds after they occur on the field.

"I love the Super Bowl," says Carter, whose work also was showcased during last year's game at the Louisiana Superdome.

"The pressure of working live is fantastic," she says.

Another computer will be plugged into the DiamondVision system. The Statman group will provide instantaneous access to individual and team statistics to the working media members in the press box and to the in-stadium audience on the DiamondVision screen. □

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SIDELIGHTS

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CHRIS HOPKINS

Hollywood has its Oscars, the television industry its Emmy Awards, Broadway its Tony Awards. All are given out in multiples, honoring outstanding achievements within each industry. But in the NFL there is only a singular acknowledgement of excellence—the Vince Lombardi Trophy. The sterling silver trophy (featured on the program cover), symbolic of the championship of the NFL, stands 20 inches high and weighs seven pounds. It was designed by Oscar Riedener of Tiffany and Company in 1966 for Super Bowl I. Three years later, it was named for Vince Lombardi, who coached Green Bay to victories in the first two Super Bowls.

The Lombardi Trophy depicts a regulation-size football in kicking position on a tapering elongated base with three concave sides. On the front surface of the base is engraved, "Vince Lombardi Trophy." Below that appear the NFL shield and the words "Super Bowl" and "AFC vs. NFC." After the game, the trophy is returned to Tiffany for engraving of the names of the competing teams and the score. Each winning Super Bowl team gets to keep the trophy it wins.

The two conference champions also receive special trophies, the AFC's named for Lamar Hunt and the NFC's for the late George Halas. These trophies, based on an original design

JIM CORNFIELD

by artist Don Weller, were awarded for the first time following the 1984 season. They are presented to the victors in locker room ceremonies after each championship game.

The Hunt and Halas trophies are football-shaped with a raised frieze depicting game action and the monogram emblem of the respective conference set on a chrome and rosewood base.

Annual Rings

The latest addition to the NFL's crown jewels (a.k.a. Super Bowl rings) is as impressive as the victory that earned it. The 10-karat yellow gold rings, commemorating the Chicago Bears' 46-10 win in Super Bowl XX, each sport 40 diamonds, including a half-carat diamond in the center surrounded by 13 smaller diamonds in the shape of the Chicago "C." One shank of each ring is personalized with the player's name. This shank also has a Bears helmet; the numbers "18-1" (the team's final 1985 record); the letters "GSH" (the initials of late Bears owner, coach, and player George S. Halas); and the word "Attitude." The other shank of the ring features the score of Super Bowl XX and replicas of the Super Bowl XX emblem, the Vince Lombardi Super Bowl Trophy, and the NFC Championship Trophy.

Among the many Super Bowl records set by the Bears last January is an unofficial one set by the ring given to defensive tackle/running back William (The Refrigerator) Perry. At size 23, it is the largest Super Bowl ring ever made (the average ring size for a man is a size 10).

Having a Ball

A special Super Bowl XXI commemorative model of the regulation NFL football will be used in today's game. It is the same as the official ball (manufactured by the Wilson Sporting Goods Company of Ada, Ohio) used in all NFL games, with the exception of the graphics. The Super Bowl XXI ball features the game's logo on one side and the names of the two competing teams, the date, and the site on the other side. A limited number of commemorative footballs are available in retail stores in the Los Angeles area.

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Scout's Honor

The prestigious NFL Alumni Player of the Year Awards Dinner was held Saturday night (January 24) to benefit local youth charities. The proceeds of this year's event go to the Los Angeles Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

The dinner honors the 11 best current players in the NFL as chosen by the NFL Alumni—the best of the past picking the best of the present. The 15,000 NFL Alumni members, representing nearly seven decades of pro football history, are polled during the season for their votes on the most outstanding active player at the position each NFL Alumni member played during his career.

Another highlight of the dinner was the presentation of the NFL Alumni's Old Hero Award. Given annually to "an individual in public life who has conducted himself through his career in a manner that presents a positive role model for youth," the Old Hero Award for 1987 was presented to Dr. Norman Vincent Peale.

DAVE BHANG

Bowled Over

The Rose Bowl's four Super Bowl games (XI, XIV, XVII, and XXI) rank it second among Super Bowl sites after the Orange Bowl's five. The largest of all Super Bowl stadiums, the Rose Bowl has the game's all-time attendance record, 103,985 at Game XIV on January 20, 1980.

TRIVIA

Fact Check

In the Super Bowl's 20-year history:

- Super Bowl IX was the only game in which neither team scored a touchdown in the first half. Pittsburgh led Minnesota 2-0, and went on to win 16-6. . . .
- In Super Bowl III, the leading rushers for both teams came from the same school, Ohio State. Matt Snell of the Jets gained 121 yards in 30 carries. Colts running back Tom Matte led his team with 116 yards in 11 carries. . . .
- Two victorious Super Bowl quarterbacks also were starters on national championship college teams. Joe Namath, New York Jets, Super Bowl III, Alabama, 1964, and Joe Montana, San Francisco 49ers, Super Bowls XVI and XIX, Notre Dame, 1977. . . .
- Five former Heisman Trophy winners have turned up on Super Bowl-winning teams: Mike Garrett, Kansas City, IV; Roger Staubach, Dallas, VI and XII; Tony Dorsett, Dallas, XII; Jim Plunkett, Oakland and Los Angeles Raiders, XV and XVIII; Marcus Allen, Los Angeles Raiders, XVIII. Heisman Trophy winner Paul Hornung was a member of the 1966 Green Bay Packers but did not play in Super Bowl I.

Postseason Postmark

For those football fans with philatelic tendencies, the U.S. Post Office will be offering a special Super Bowl XXI cancellation at today's game. The Post Office's Super Bowl station will be set up outside the Rose Bowl and will be open from 10 A.M. to 7 P.M. Fans can bring any stamped envelope to receive the free hand cancellation, or can buy stamps and 14-cent postcards at the booth. The Super Bowl cancellation, a favorite among collectors, was inaugurated at Super Bowl XVI.

Championship Calendar

Get your datebooks out. Here are the dates and sites of the next three Super Bowls:
Super Bowl XXII, January 31, 1988, San Diego Jack Murphy Stadium
Super Bowl XXIII, January 22, 1989, Dolphin Stadium (due to open in August, 1987), Miami
Super Bowl XXIV, January 28, 1990, Louisiana Superdome, New Orleans

Winning Drives

Some teams other than the AFC and NFC champions were competing in Pasadena during Super Bowl week. On Thursday, several teams made up of sports celebrities, members of the Pro Football Writers Association, and amateur golfers teed off at the Brookside Country Club in the third annual Super Bowl Charity Golf Classic. Sponsored by Buick, the tournament featured host Joe DiMaggio, 1986 tournament winner Eddie Payton (a former NFL player and the younger brother of all-time NFL rushing leader, Walter), and other sports luminaries such as Stan Musial, Dick (Night Train) Lane, Jerry West, Hugh McElhenny, and John Havlicek.

Stan Musial, Eddie Payton

The proceeds from the tournament go to NFL Charities, and are earmarked for the league's Dire Need Fund, an account that provides financial assistance to former NFL players who played in the sport's early years before the days of big salaries and pension plans.

Another sporting event scheduled around the Super Bowl took place early Super Sunday morning. The ninth annual Redondo Beach Super Bowl Sunday 10K Run is the largest race in the Los Angeles area. Last year, the race attracted 18,000 runners to the beach community. □

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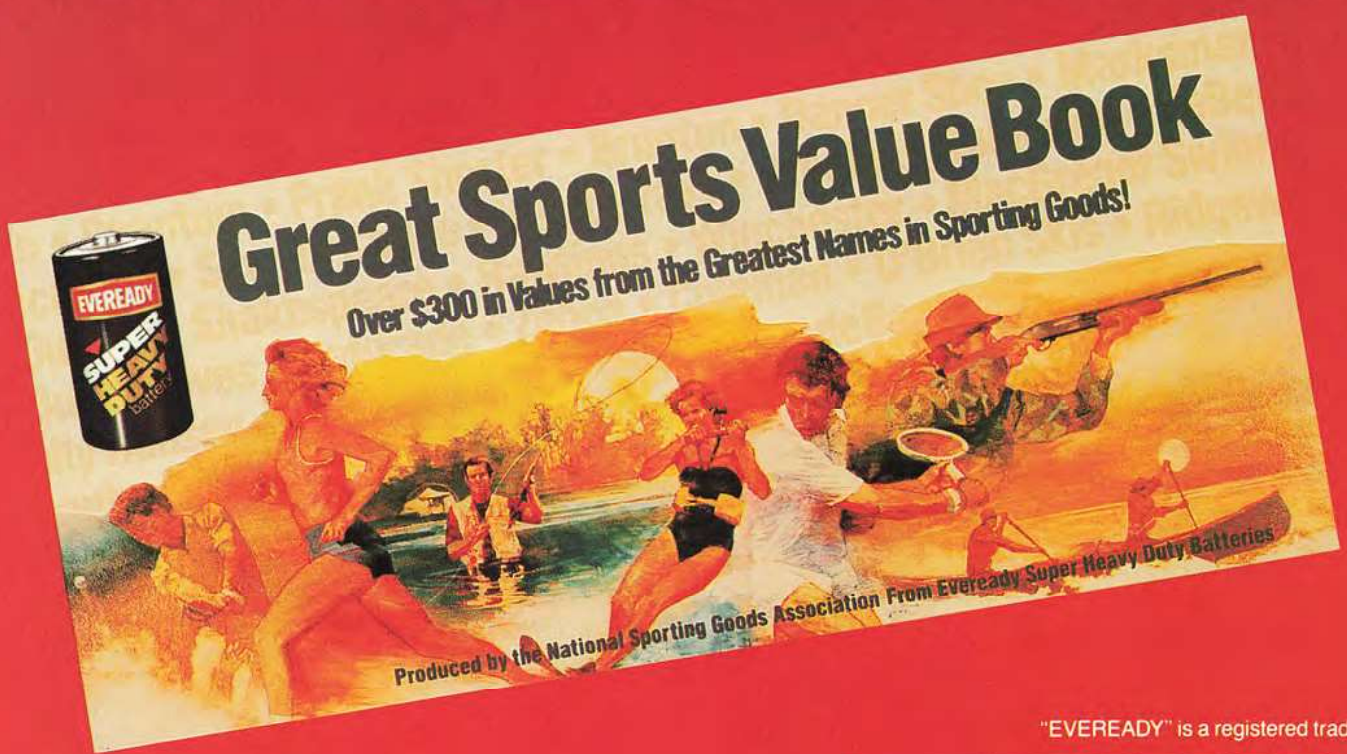
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CBS SPORTS

CBS's John Madden (left) and Pat Summerall

CBS is giving its telecast of Super Bowl XXI more of an editorial slant than its previous game coverage. According to executive producer Ted Shaker, who's working his first Super Bowl, and producer Bob Stenner, a 20-year CBS Sports veteran who's working his fourth Super Bowl, every editorial opportunity will be exploited to tell the story of how and why these two teams got to the Super Bowl.

Consistent with its editorial approach, CBS is scaling down its technical arsenal. There will be fewer cameras used—15 as opposed to 20-plus for past games—and less video hardware overall. "We plan to concentrate on core coverage," says CBS's Doug Richardson. "It will be a nuts-and-bolts telecast. The pageantry and hype will be less important than the game itself."

Former Raiders head coach John Madden and Pat Summerall, who is celebrating his twenty-fifth anniversary with CBS, will be the game broadcasters. Today's game marks Summerall's nineteenth participation in a Super Bowl broadcast in some form, and his sixth consecutive play-by-play assignment for CBS.

Super Bowl XXI also will be carried live by NBC Radio on more than 350 stations nationwide. The radio broadcast begins an hour before the game with a pregame show hosted by Bob Costas and featuring live interviews with past Super Bowl heroes. In the booth for the game broadcast will be Don Criqui and Bob Trumpy. Immediately following the game, there will be a special two-hour edition of Trumpy's "NFL Live" call-in show. Fans can call in with questions or comments by dialing 1-800-NFL-LIVE.

TRIVIA

He Auto Know

For Jim Steeg, the NFL's director of special events, the Super Bowl isn't over until the last loose end has been tied off.

For instance, Super Bowl XX wasn't over until March, 1986, when Steeg made an untimely discovery. One of the 150 cars the league had provided for reporters, broadcasters, and team personnel had been sitting in a hotel parking lot since the festivities ended.

"I'll bet it has a heck of a parking bill," said an unfazed Steeg, chalking up the miscue to a slip-up in valet parking. "Once the show's over, the tent folds and somebody always forgets."

21 Club

Only 24 members of the media have worked every Super Bowl to date. This exclusive group includes 15 writers, 8 photographers, and 1 broadcaster. The writers are Robert Burnes, Dick Connor, Art Daley, Mel Durslag, Larry Felser, Jerry Green, Jerry Izenberg, Dave Klein, Augie Lio, Will McDonough, Norm Miller, Bob Oates, Ed Pope, Cooper Rollow, and John Steadman. The photographers are John Biever, Vernon Biever, Dave Boss, Malcolm Emmons, Walter Iooss, Jr., Mickey Palmer, Dick Raphael, and Tony Tomsic. The broadcaster is Canada's John Seguin.

Si Burick, a member of the Super Bowl club and long-time sports editor of the *Dayton Daily News*, died in December.

With XXI You Get Eggroll

J. DANIEL CHAPMAN

The Super Bowl has turned into a global affair. Worldwide, people in 59 countries viewed Super Bowl XX live last January or on a tape-delayed basis, along with the record United States audience of 127 million.

But the all-time record was established by a first-time audience: an estimated 300 million Chinese who saw a delayed, edited version of the game on China Central Television in March, complete with Chinese announcers. The telecast also included the halftime show by "Up with People" and scenes from Chicago played to the champion Bears' Super Bowl Shuffle music video. The Chinese called the sport "Gan Lan Qui" (Olive Ball) because of the shape of the football; the game featured the "Ju Xiong" (Giant Bear) and "Ai Guo Zhe" (Patriot) teams.

And there's more olive ball in store for the Chinese. T.L.I., the company that brought Super Bowl XX to China, plans to provide 10 additional NFL games beginning in January, including today's game.

In Great Britain, the live Super Bowl XX broadcast was seen by an estimated 12 million viewers on Channel 4, which carries a popular weekly NFL highlights program during the regular season. The broadcast also was seen via satellite aboard the luxury liner Queen Elizabeth II as it cruised off the coast of Peru.

And, for the first time ever, the NFL has allotted a limited number of Super Bowl tickets to five travel agencies abroad—two in England, and one travel agency each in Australia, Ireland, and Japan. Foreign visitors were enticed with five-to-seven-day packages that include trips to Disneyland and Knotts Berry Farm, along with the Super Bowl game and California sunshine.

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We're Talking *Big* Here

MARV RUBIN

Group portrait by Rubin: (left to right) Fellenzer, Lamb, Perry, Wolman, and the artist.

Everyone has an image of Los Angeles. To some it's a city of palm trees, beaches, and eternal summer. To others it's fantasyland, where Hollywood dreams are made. To still others, particularly those from "back East" (as Angelenos refer to anything east of Las Vegas), it's the land of "fruits and nuts," whose only cultural contribution, according to Woody Allen, has been the right turn on a red light.

But there is a consensus on one aspect of Los Angeles—it is big. How big is it? So big that the only way to capture the incredible variety of the city and environs is from the air. Which is how pilot/photographer Baron Wolman took on his part of "The L.A. Connection" (beginning on page 73). Wolman, who gave the San Francisco Bay area the same elevated treatment in the Super Bowl XIX game program, is the NFL's eye-in-the-sky photographer over the Rose Bowl today. He also shot Super Bowls XVII, XVIII, and XIX from the air.

Besides being an aerial travelog, "The L.A. Connection" poses the question, "Why does southern California produce so many quality football players?" NFL Properties associate editor Jeff Fellenzer talked to high school, college, and pro coaches, along with talent scouts and front office personnel to get some answers. The responses he got were as varied as the area itself.

"Southern California is so diverse," says Fellenzer, a former *Los Angeles Times* sports staffer. "I divided it into six regions and used one athlete as a sort of spokesperson for each. If you read each section separately, you might think the athletes were from different states."

Kevin Lamb, who writes for the *Chicago Sun-Times*, also was thinking big when he tackled the unique relationship between the Super Bowl and Los Angeles in "Five Games," which begins on page 97. "Everyone I spoke to remembered the Super Bowl games in Los Angeles very vividly," Lamb says. "That was surprising because Los Angeles is the one city that can swallow the game whole. When the Super Bowl is in New Orleans, for example, there is no escape from the hoopla. In Los Angeles, the game just disappears."

Speaking of big, freelance writer Jim Perry had the job of chronicling the 1986 NFL season. His week-by-week review begins on page 105.

The illustrations scattered throughout Perry's 1986 flashback are the work of Los Angeles artist Marv Rubin. A native of Canada, where his father was the welterweight boxing champion, Rubin trained as a boxer and played football after moving to southern California.

"I had a brief, three-week career as a football player in high school," he says. "In that span, I hurt my knee and broke my nose. I then decided to save what was left of me for my non-football career.

"Not long after I got out of school," says Rubin, "I tried to redesign the game of football—uniforms, pads, everything. I even had this bizarre correspondence with Pete Rozelle, who then worked for the Rams.

"I like to think of my whole career as a cartoonist as hostility disguised as humor. Maybe that's why I have such great affinity for football, hostility disguised as a game."

High-Wire Act

The most extensive telephone system ever installed at a Super Bowl has been in operation this past week. GTE, the telecommunications consultant to Super Bowl XXI, put in 460 lines for NFL use and another 600 for use by the media. Nine miles of telephone cable were laid in all.

"The size of the network is a function of L.A. geography," says Paul Hagen of GTE. "It's forty-two miles between the Anaheim practice facilities and the Rose Bowl in Pasadena. Over a forty-five-day span, the entire network will be set up, used, and dismantled. That's like putting in and taking down a telephone system for an entire town."

Three Bears' Stories

JIM CHAFFIN

Yardage has turned to verbiage for three of the NFL-champion Chicago Bears. Head coach Mike Ditka, quarterback Jim McMahon, and linebacker Mike Singletary added to the impressive roster of current and former NFL personalities tackling the best-seller list in 1986 when they brought out books following the team's Super Bowl XX victory. The three Bears' books are *Ditka*, by Ditka with Don Pierson; *McMahon! The Bare Truth About Chicago's Brashest Bear*, by McMahon with Bob Verdi; and *Calling the Shots*, by Singletary with Armen Keteyian. □

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MVPs

Dent for the Defense

Number 95 of the Chicago 46 became number 18 at Super Bowl XX. No, that's not a mathematical formula. It's the formula of Bears defensive end Richard Dent, who became the eighteenth player selected as a Super Bowl most valuable player last January after Chicago's 46-10 shellacking of the New England Patriots.

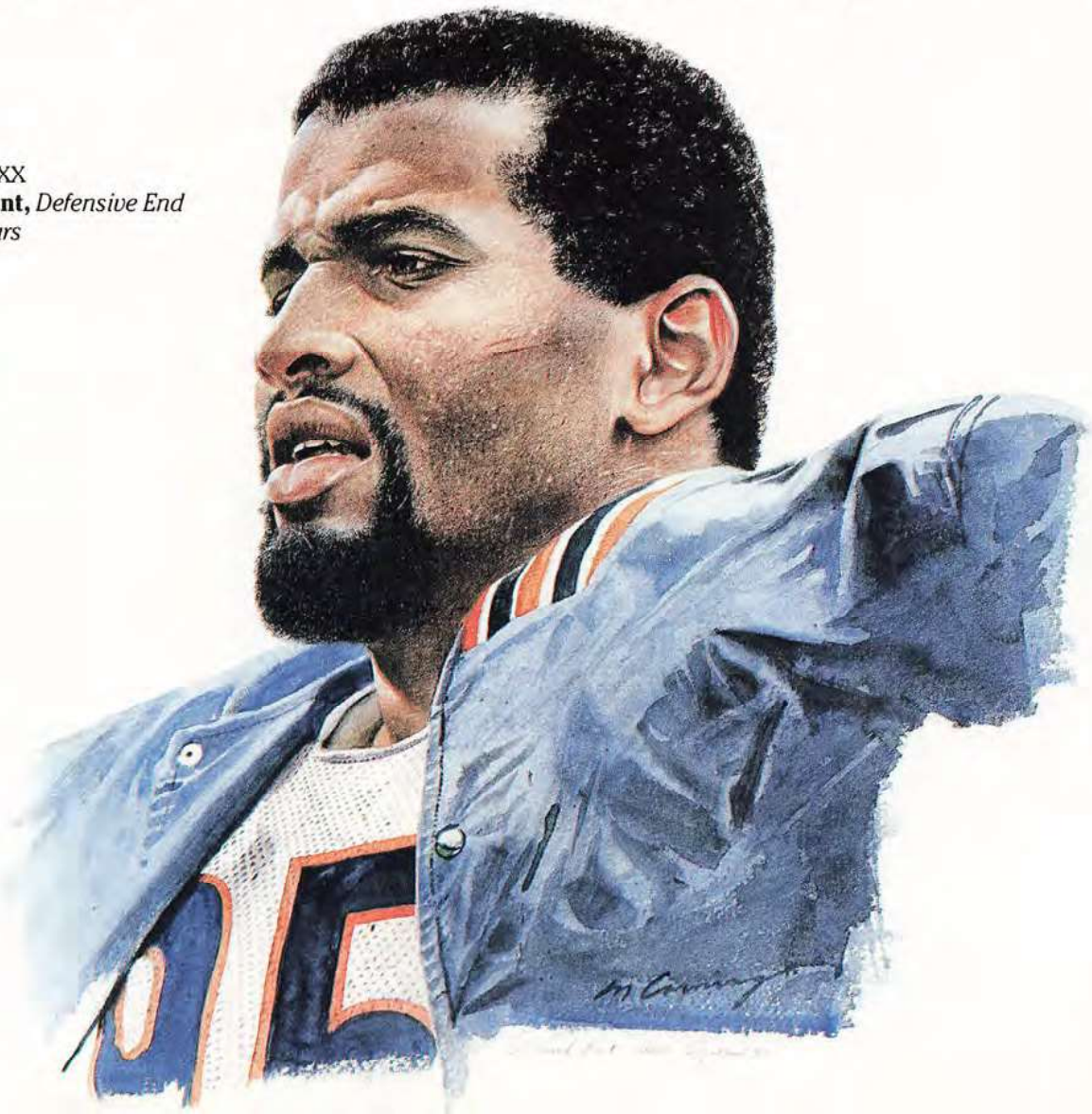
Some considered Dent's MVP selection symbolic, representing the overpowering play of the entire Bears' defense. But the 6-foot 5-inch, 263-pound Dent played the game with the same singular intensity he displayed throughout the 1985 season, when he led the NFC (for the second year in a row) and the NFL with 17 sacks. In Super Bowl XX, Dent had 1½ sacks and forced two fumbles on consecutive series that led to 10 points by the Bears.

"He is a man of great character," Bears head coach Mike Ditka said of Dent after the game. "I think it is time for him to be rewarded for his play.

"He's the quickest big man I've ever seen. He can really put the fear of God in the opposing tackle and quarterback."

Just ask the opposing tackle himself, Brian Holloway. "[Chicago's defensive scheme] put Dent over all our linemen, moving him around a lot," said Holloway. "It takes me two weeks to prepare for him, and perhaps our other linemen were unable to get ready for him. . . ."

Dent's selection as Super Bowl most valuable player marked the first time that a defensive player had been so honored since Game XII, when Dallas Cowboys defensive tackle Randy White and defensive end Harvey Martin became the first players in Super Bowl history to share the award. "I had a dream that I could really be MVP," said a jubilant Dent in the winners' locker room. "I felt that way all through the week. I was so anxious to get to the game. And the dream came true. You have to be a believer if you want to have success. The feeling hasn't really hit me. I'm like a little kid who just got a toy for Christmas and is just smiling and enjoying it. I can't wait to get outside and play with it." □



Super Bowl XX
Richard Dent, *Defensive End*
Chicago Bears

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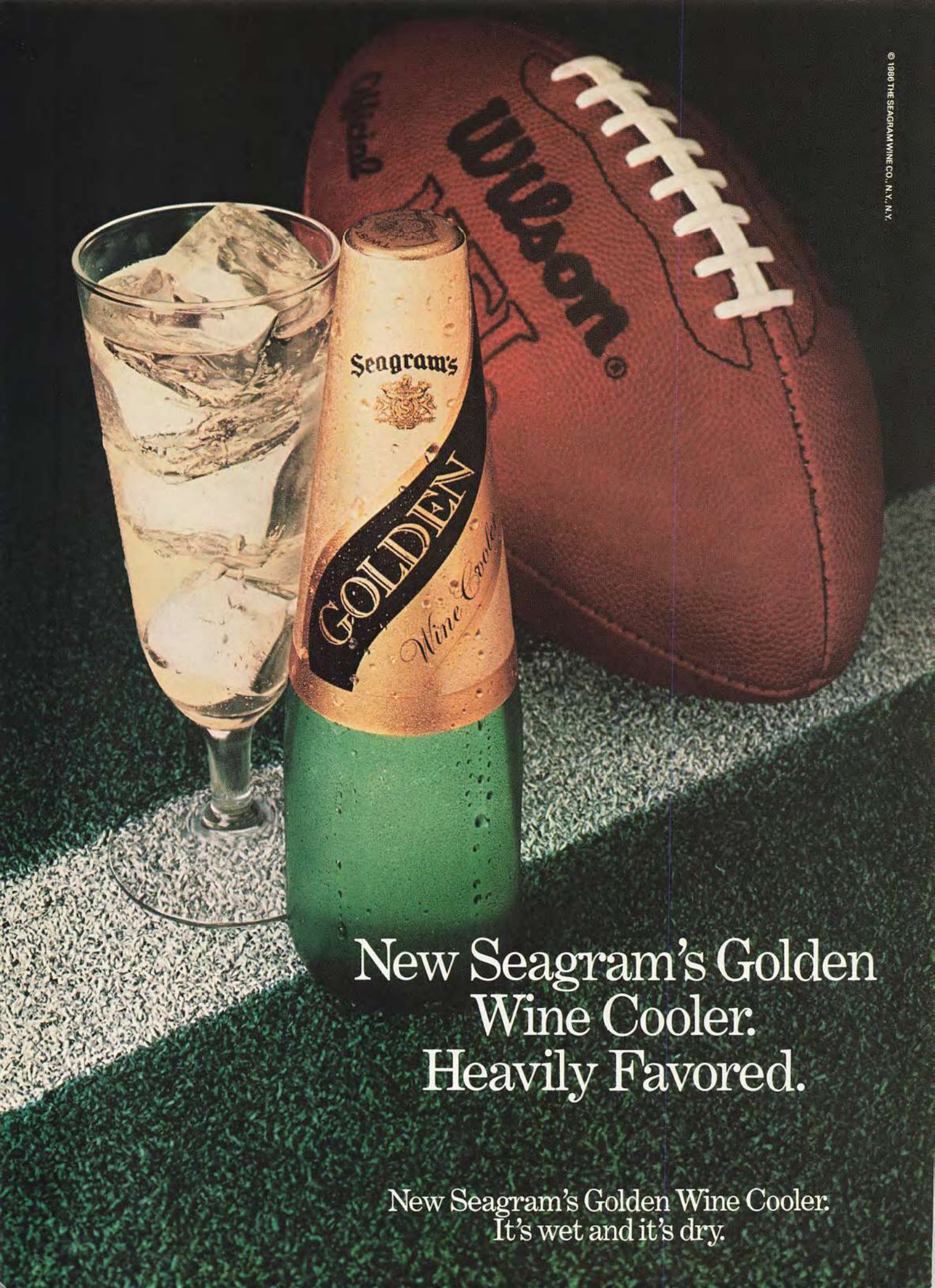

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INSIGHT

The Feel of a Winner

By Bill McGrane

DON WELLER

I'VE BEEN TO A LOT OF Super Bowls, but usually to spectate. The only one I'd been a part of with a team had come XVI years earlier.

That one was in New Orleans, too, but Super Bowl IV was played in a chill wind at muddy old Tulane Stadium, a very fitting haunted house if you were of Minnesota Vikings persuasion.

The Vikings took a dose of salts that time from Henry Stram and the Kansas City Chiefs. . . and it left a dreadful feeling.

I shared that bit of lore, of a Super Bowl gone astray, outside the Chicago Bears' team Mass last January 26. . . shared it with Mike Ditka, who coaches the Bears. Ditka even looks like a bear. He has hair like a bear, he smiles like a bear. . . . Bears smile, don't they?

Anyway, he smiled his bristling bear smile and set his cigar on the rim of a big plant urn, so that he might refer to it after Mass.

"We're not planning on putting you through that again," he said.

Ditka, who's a regular, cocked an eyebrow as an unusually large throng moved past us, a crowd about 10 times the size of the normal number for pregame religious service on the road during the regular season.

"Hope the Lord recognizes everybody," he murmured.

The bus ride to the Superdome seemed like overkill . . . not much traffic to begin with, and the buses took a special route through back streets, fronted and tailed by packs of howling police bikes. "Bear One," the lead team bus, blew through an intersection of a less-than-grand neighborhood, its passing marked by an ear-splitting wail of sirens. Two little girls jumping rope on the corner. . . still dressed in their church clothes . . . didn't even look up.

I wasn't there to witness, but I'd imagine Montgomery crossed North Africa with less ado than the Bears' bus run to the Dome.

Bear One pulled into the designated drive and immediately was ringed by another bunch of security types.

A man in dark glasses and a "Swat Team" cap eased up on the side by the driver's window.

"Who you got?" he growled.

The big sign in the front window said Bear One, which was the designated identification for the first team bus.

The bus driver sighed. "Got Bear One," he replied.

The guy in the dark glasses growled into a walkie-talkie:

"I got Bear One."

We waited a couple minutes while whoever was on the other end of the walkie-talkie digested that report. Then there was a scratchy reply. The guy in the dark glasses signaled for the driver to open the door.

"Follow on me," he hollered to the emerging players.

In a tunnel that was supposed to be "clean," some kid had breached the quarantine.

"Hey Walter. . .Walter Payton!"

Payton clasped hands with the kid and smiled, but kept moving.

Payton walked alongside Matt Suhey. By the time they reached the far end zone, he had turned up Suhey's jacket collar, pulled his shirttail out, and gone through his pockets. . .which meant Walter was feeling fine.

Inside, while they made ready, it was familiar. . .the same clatter and cuss words and laughter.

"How come you're lookin' so worried?" linebacker Otis Wilson asked. "We're gonna win."

Dan Hampton, the defensive end, lay on his back disrupting the traffic flow in one corner of the room. He swung his legs in huge arcs, loosening up. Hampton is like Stan Musial was in baseball. . .you don't notice him until he's out of the lineup. He plays hurt most of the time. He also plays at a level with which few people are familiar.

The time to talk to Big Hamp is *after* a game. . . he's fine then. But beforehand, he's not real social.

He wasn't real social during the game, either. The defense shattered New England's scheme and the game really was over before the first quarter ended.

Because it was so one-sided, the fourth-quarter atmosphere on the bench was more of satisfaction than jubilation.

Wilson grabbed my arm and pointed at the scoreboard.

"What'd I tell you?"

Mike Singletary, who pays an enormous price every day, not just on Sundays, walked from player to player, laying hands on each, as if in benediction. His smile was topped by tears. Even Gary Fencik, the erudite safety who is so wary about displaying emotion, wore a vast grin.

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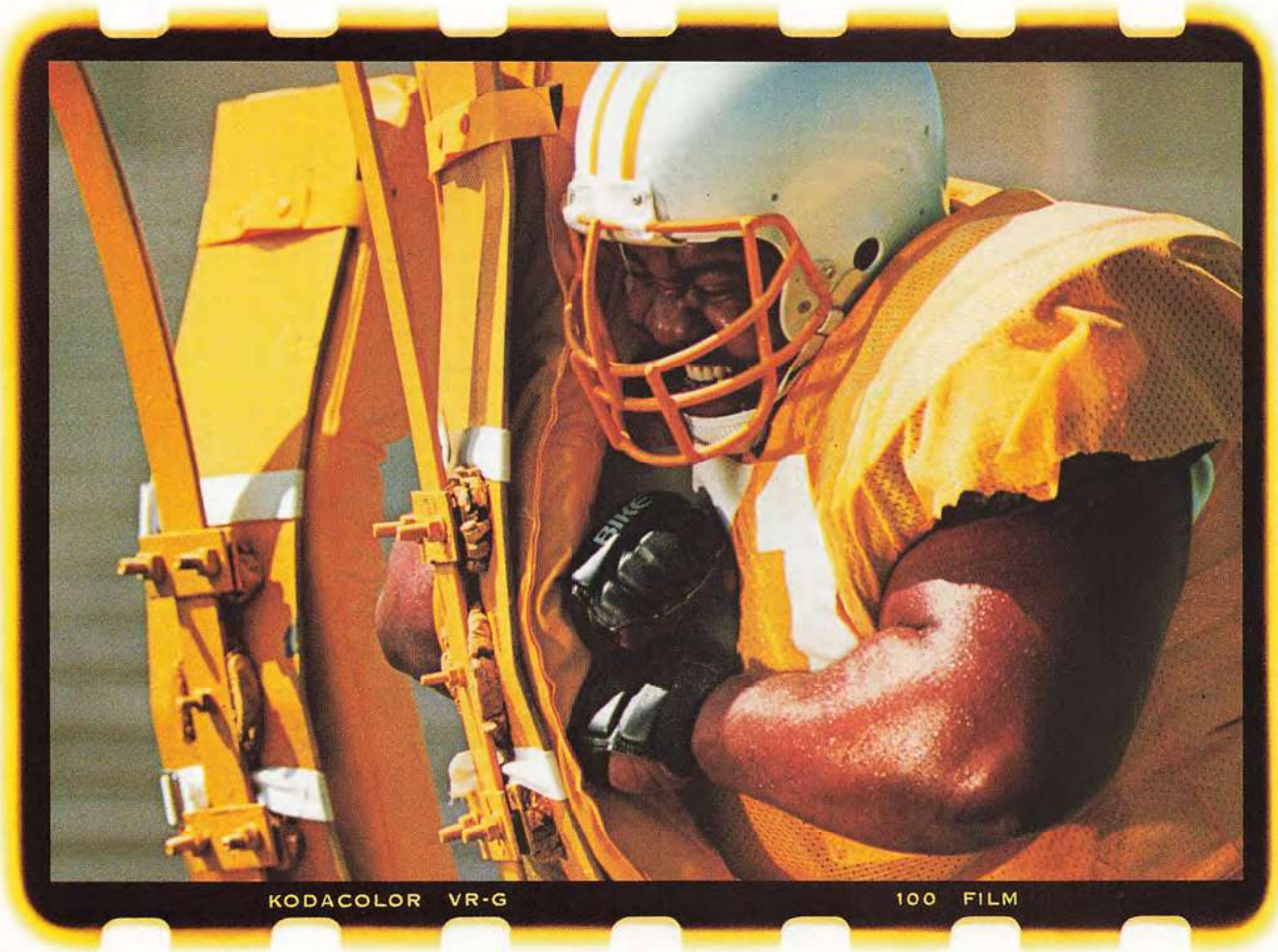

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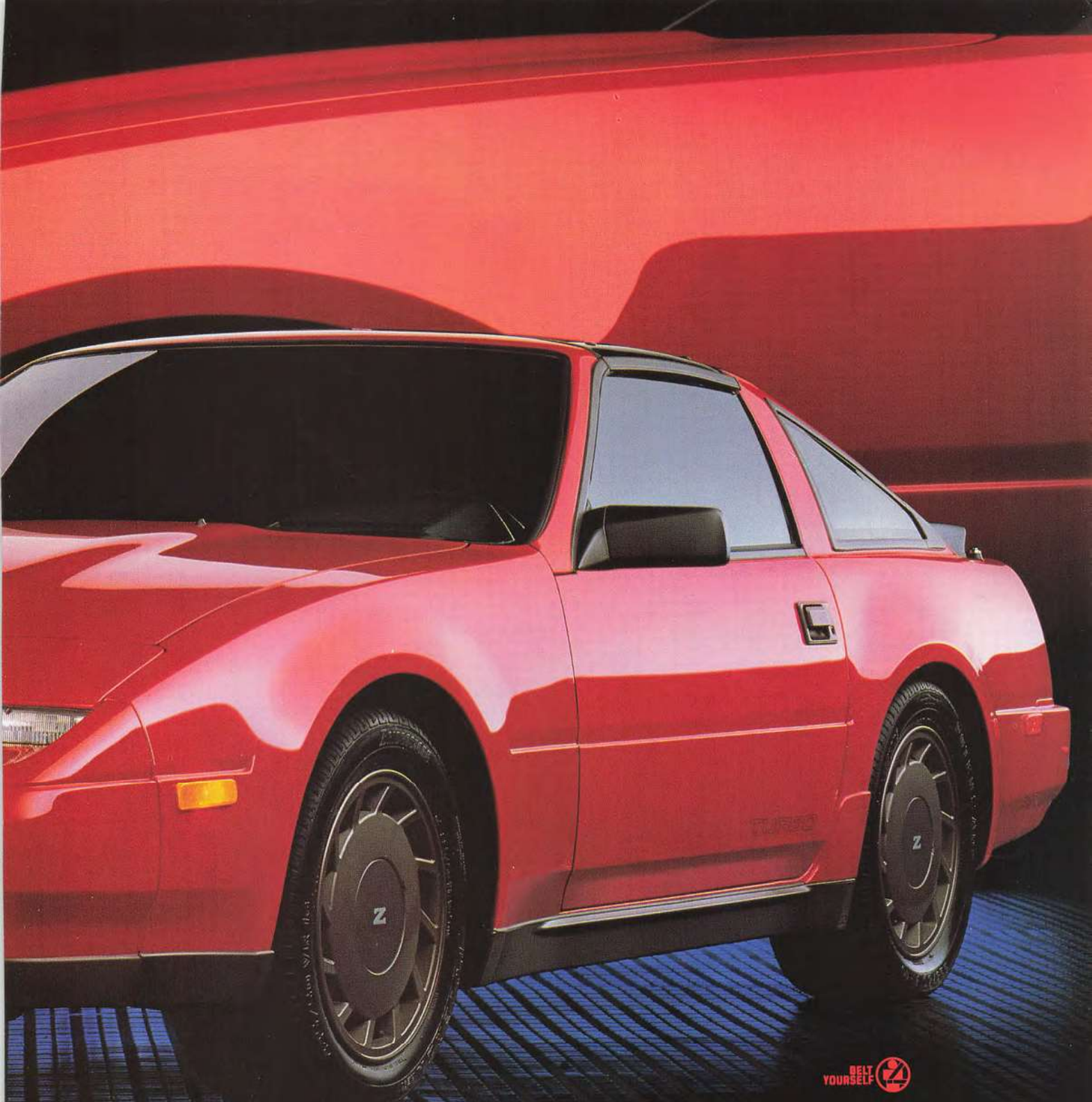

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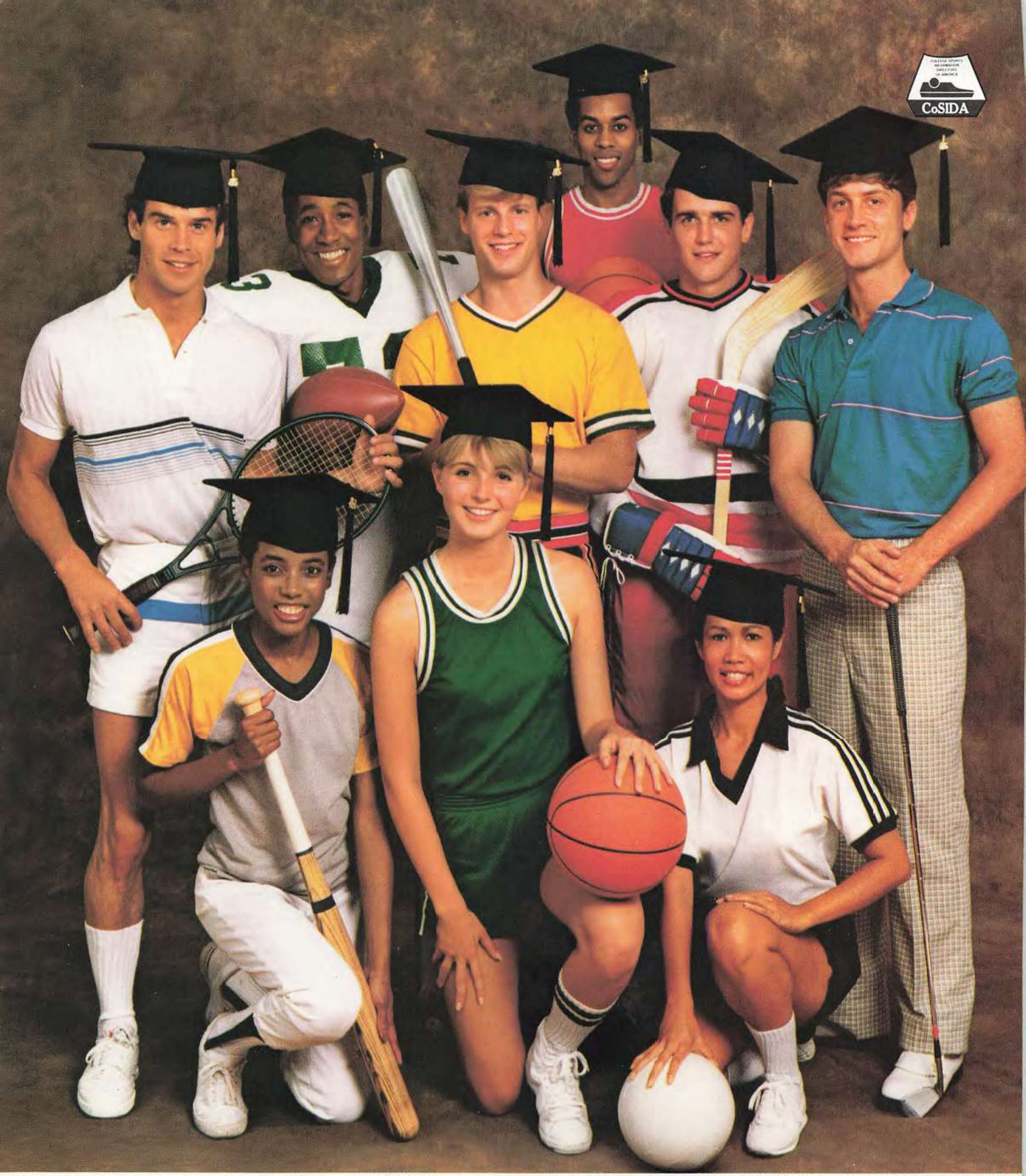

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DENVER BRONCOS

For those fans who said all year the NFC was stronger than the AFC and who have written the Broncos off against the favored Giants in Super Bowl XXI, two quick words of advice: Forget it.

To beat head coach Dan Reeves's Broncos just might be a task beyond even the Giants. The AFC champions have two major strengths going into today's game.

The first, and most important, is John Elway. Elway virtually can dictate the outcome of a game by himself. No other quarterback in the NFL combines his mobility and the strength of his throwing arm. He is an instant threat from anywhere on the field. Elway's complete package—his leadership, passing, and running—was nowhere better demonstrated than in the last five minutes of the AFC Championship Game, when he engineered a 98-yard touchdown drive that was as impressive as any since Johnny Unitas's fabled overtime drive against the Giants in the 1958 NFL Championship Game.

In six years, Dan Reeves has become the winningest coach in Denver Broncos history with a regular-season record of 56-33.

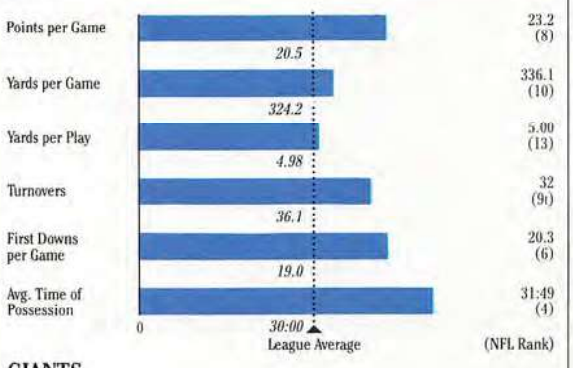
Even Elway's ankle injury against the New England Patriots in the divisional playoffs was a blessing in disguise. It helped unite the Broncos and forced them, both offensively and defensively, to pull together instead of assuming Elway would pull out a victory. Denver has become a much better team the last game and a half. The Broncos' confidence could only be helped by the AFC Championship Game in which they won their first overtime game of the year, and scored their first playoff victory ever on the road.

Elway runs a total substitution offense, one in which the personnel changes virtually every down. One of Denver's strengths is its ability to show a number of different sets. If something works, the Broncos won't be cute—they'll go with it until the defense can stop it.

The Broncos' second major strength is defense, which ranked first in the AFC against the rush and third overall. It is perhaps the most complicated defense in the NFL, but one that makes few errors. Like the offense, the defense will show the Giants a lot of variations.

Sept. 7 Elway accounted for three touchdowns as Broncos overcame a 12-point deficit. Denver 38, L.A. Raiders 36.
Sept. 15 Elway passed for three touchdowns, hitting 21 of 39 for 243 yards as the Broncos led the entire game. Denver 21, Pittsburgh 10.
Sept. 21 Winder ran for 104 yards and scored twice and Willhite ran for 91 as Broncos gained 203 yards rushing. Denver 33, Philadelphia 7.
Sept. 28 Elway completed 11 of 15 passes in the second half to overcome a 13-3 deficit. Denver 27, New England 20.
Oct. 5 The defense stopped the NFL's top-scoring team while Elway threw three touchdown passes. Denver 29, Dallas 14.
Oct. 12 The Broncos held Chargers to 42 yards rushing and intercepted Dan Fouts twice. Denver 31, San Diego 14.
Oct. 20 The Jets' defense accounted for three turnovers, five sacks, and one safety. N.Y. Jets 22, Denver 10.
Oct. 26 Elway passed for 321 yards, completing 18 of 32, and the defense held Seahawks to 50 passing yards. Denver 20, Seattle 13.
Nov. 2 Harden returned an interception 40 yards for a touchdown to clinch the victory. Denver 21, L.A. Raiders 10.
Nov. 9 The Broncos made five turnovers as the Chargers won for new coach Al Saunders. San Diego 9, Denver 3.
Nov. 16 Willhite scored three touchdowns, one on a 70-yard punt return, and Broncos scored 14 points in 17 seconds. Denver 38, Kansas City 17.
Nov. 23 George Martin broke Denver's back by returning an interception 78 yards for a score. N.Y. Giants 19, Denver 16.
Nov. 30 Elway threw three touchdown passes in the second quarter, while building a 34-14 lead. Denver 34, Cincinnati 28.
Dec. 7 The Chiefs intercepted Elway and Kubiak five times, returning one for a score. Kansas City 37, Denver 10.
Dec. 13 A missed extra point by Redskins helped the Broncos clinch the AFC West. Denver 31, Washington 30.
Dec. 20 The Seahawks gained 536 yards, including 192 by Curt Warner, to overrun Broncos. Seattle 41, Denver 16.
Jan. 4 A 48-yard touchdown pass from Elway to Johnson provided the winning edge. Denver 20, New England 17.
Jan. 11 Elway engineered a 98-yard drive in the final five minutes and the winning drive in overtime. Denver 23, Cleveland 20.

OFFENSE



RON VESELY

GIANTS

NEW YORK GIANTS

Stop us if you've heard this one. . . .

The 1986 NFC champions have won 11 games in a row, the last four by an average of 28.5 points.

They have cakewalked through two postseason games, scoring 66 points and allowing just 3.

They have a defense that's just this side of overwhelming, with an all-world collection of linebackers.

They have a gutty, cool quarterback. They have one of the great running backs in the game.

They have won 16 of 18 games this season. They have a lot of talent. They have even more confidence.

Stop, you're saying. You *have* heard this before. . .

Head coach Bill Parcells built an NFC East champion in his fourth season with the Giants, who have a 16-2 record.

about, oh, 12 months ago.

Yes, the 1986 New York Giants have a *lot* in common with the 1985 Chicago Bears, who hammered the New England Patriots 46-10 in Super Bowl XX.

This is not to suggest that the broken record will continue today in the Rose Bowl.

The fact is that the last time these two teams met—two months and six games ago—the Giants, playing on their home field, won 19-16 on a field goal with six seconds left to play.

Of course, that was before coach Bill Parcells's team began playing like a train coming down a mountain.

The Giants don't do much fancy stuff. In fact, they just might be the most basic team in the NFL. With this group, what you see is mostly what you get.

Mostly what you see is linebacker Lawrence Taylor, the most dominant player in the NFL with 20½ sacks in 1986. He is a one-man wrecking crew. New York's linebackers are the best in the league, and there are no slouches in the defensive line or secondary, either.

The offense's only discernible weaknesses are the lack of both a big-play wide receiver and a serious threat at fullback.

It has been 24 years since the Giants played in the NFL's biggest game, and 30 years since the Giants were victorious in one. In New York, *Stop us if you've heard this one. . .* has been a negative refrain. That could change today.

Sept. 8 Simms passed for 300 yards and Morris ran for 87, but Cowboys scored with 1:16 left to win. Dallas 31, N.Y. Giants 28.
Sept. 14 Simms again passed for 300 yards, and Giants intercepted Fouts five times. N.Y. Giants 20, San Diego 7.
Sept. 21 Manuel caught two touchdown passes, and Giants stopped Allen's 100-yard rushing streak. N.Y. Giants 14, L.A. Raiders 9.
Sept. 28 With Morris out, Giants came back from 17-point deficit as Simms passed for 286 yards. N.Y. Giants 20, New Orleans 17.
Oct. 5 Banks sacked Lomax on fourth down late in the game on Giants' 8-yard line. Giants had seven sacks. N.Y. Giants 13, St. Louis 6.
Oct. 12 Simms passed for two touchdowns, Carson caught a touchdown pass, and Taylor had four sacks. N.Y. Giants 35, Philadelphia 3.
Oct. 19 Morris rushed for 116 yards, but Simms threw four interceptions and was sacked seven times. Seattle 17, N.Y. Giants 12.
Oct. 27 Morris rushed for 181 yards, including decisive touchdown. Three teams now tied for NFC East lead. N.Y. Giants 27, Washington 20.
Nov. 2 Morris ran for two touchdowns and another 181 yards, and Giants accumulated six sacks. N.Y. Giants 17, Dallas 14.
Nov. 9 Giants continued their sack attack with seven more, and Morris ran for 111 yards and two touchdowns. N.Y. Giants 17, Philadelphia 14.
Nov. 16 Allegre kicked five field goals, including 33-yard game-winner with 12 seconds to play. N.Y. Giants 22, Minnesota 20.
Nov. 23 McConkey made key 46-yard catch to set up Allegre's fourth field goal, with six seconds left. N.Y. Giants 19, Denver 16.
Dec. 1 Simms threw for 388 yards and led a 21-point third-quarter rally with key passes to Robinson. N.Y. Giants 21, San Francisco 17.
Dec. 7 Taylor sacked Schroeder three times and helped force six interceptions. Simms passed for three touchdowns. N.Y. Giants 24, Washington 14.
Dec. 14 Morris ran for 179 yards and all three touchdowns as Giants clinched first title since 1963. N.Y. Giants 27, St. Louis 7.
Dec. 20 Giants exploded for 55 points, their most in 14 years, and Morris rushed for 115 yards. N.Y. Giants 55, Green Bay 24.
Jan. 4 Giants jumped out to 28-3 halftime lead behind defense and Morris, who finished with 159 yards. N.Y. Giants 49, San Francisco 3.
Jan. 11 On a windy day at Meadowlands, Giants held Washington to 190 yards, just 40 on the ground. N.Y. Giants 17, Washington 0.

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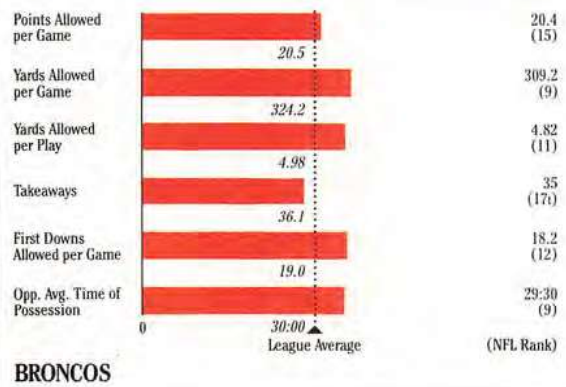

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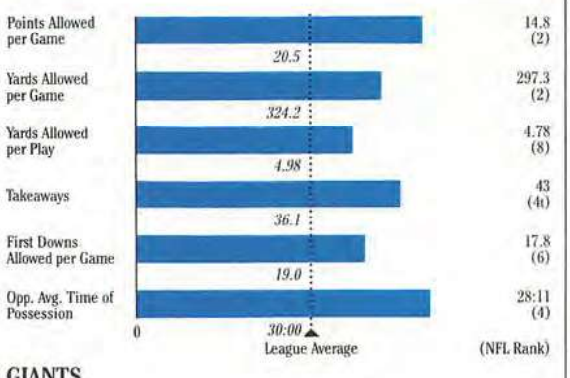

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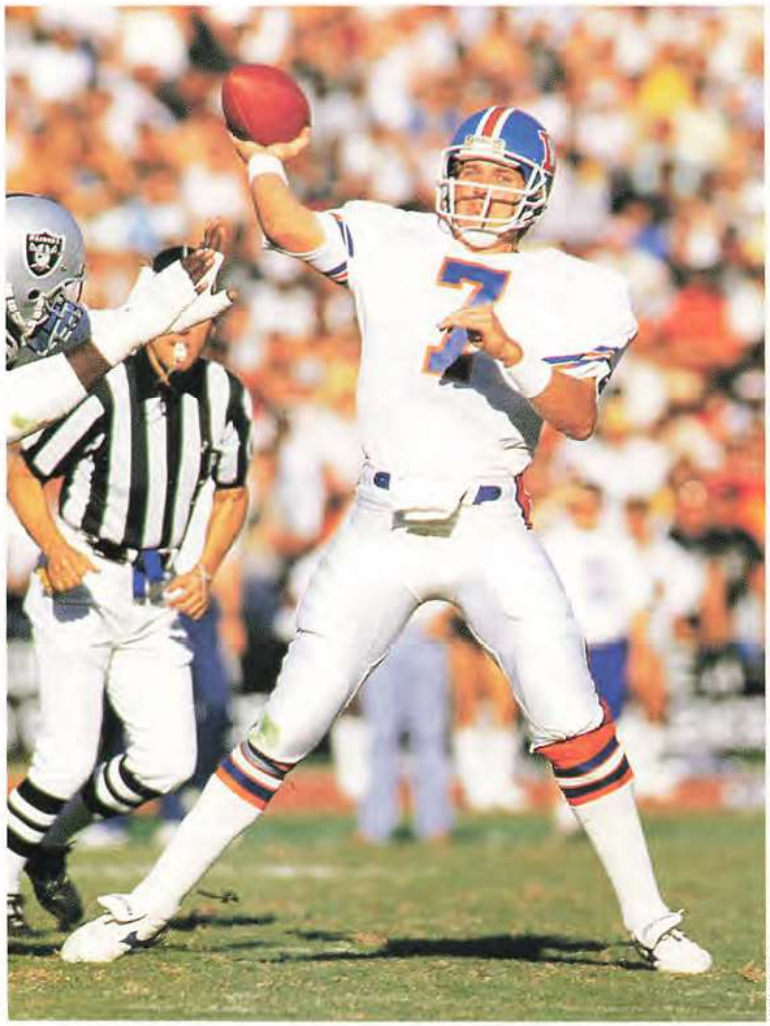


ALVIN CHUNG

The Broncos rely heavily on the multiple talents of gifted quarterback John Elway, who accounted for 21 touchdowns passing, running, and receiving this season.

John Elway makes things happen. His size, agility, and speed make him perhaps a more dangerous passer outside the pocket than in it. When Elway is on the run, he's unpredictable; his arm strength allows him to do things few quarterbacks attempt, such as throwing completely back across the field.

Elway's strong arm can get him into trouble as well; he sometimes forces the ball into coverage. He must maintain the patience and poise he showed in the AFC Championship Game.

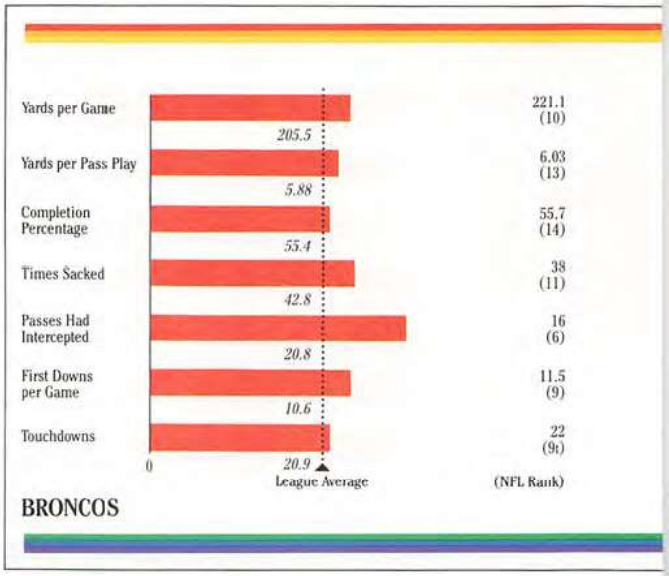
Some Denver sets, particularly one of the varied Shotgun formations, with three wide receivers and two running backs, are designed to get Elway outside to throw "dash" passes. But how much he throws on the run has more to do with the blocking of his offensive line, particularly the left side, where tackle Dave Studdard will be facing Lawrence Taylor or Leonard Marshall.

If Elway is in trouble, his receivers adjust and come back to the ball well. Running back Gerald Willhite was the team's top receiver with 64 catches. Rookie wide receiver Mark Jackson led the team with 738 yards (and a 19.4-yard average), just ahead of veteran Steve Watson. Wide receiver Vance Johnson, like Jackson, has speed to burn. Running back Sammy Winder led the Broncos with five receiving touchdowns. Denver's four tight ends figure prominently in the offensive scheme; two- and three-tight end sets are common. Orson Mobley and Clarence Kay stand out.

Running backs Steve Sewell, also a key receiver, and Willhite, who threw four passes this season, often are involved in gimmick plays, which the Broncos are most apt to try in the second half.

PASSING	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Yards	Avg.	TD	%TD	Int.	%Int.	Long	Rating
Elway	504	280	55.6	3485	6.95	19	3.8	13	2.6	53	79.0
Kubiak	38	23	60.5	249	6.55	1	2.6	3	7.9	26	55.7
Willhite	4	1	25.0	11	2.75	0	0.0	0	0.0	11	39.6
Norman	1	1	100.0	43	43.00	1	100.0	0	0.0	43t	158.3
Sewell	1	1	100.0	23	23.00	1	100.0	0	0.0	23t	158.3
Johnson	1	0	0.0	0	0.00	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	39.6

RECEIVING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
Willhite	64	529	8.3	31	3
Watson	45	699	15.5	46	3
M. Jackson	38	738	19.4	53	1
Johnson	31	363	11.7	34t	2
Winder	26	171	6.6	20t	5
Sewell	23	294	12.8	40	1
Mobley	22	332	15.1	32	1
Sampson	21	259	12.3	43	0
Kay	15	195	13.0	34	1
Lang	13	105	8.1	26	2
Hackett	3	48	16.0	19	0
Bell	2	10	5.0	7	0
Wilson	1	43	43.0	43t	1
Elway	1	23	23.0	23t	1
Studdard	1	2	2.0	2t	1



GIANTS PASSING

No one ever will accuse the Giants of utilizing a mainstream passing attack on their way to the Super Bowl this season.

For starters, a second-year tight end, Mark Bavaro, was the team's leading receiver, with 66 catches for 1,001 yards. The second-leading receiver, Tony Galbreath (33 catches), is a reserve running back. The best wide receiver of 1985, promising young Lionel Manuel, missed most of this season with a knee injury. The fastest receiver, Stacy Robinson, was out five games with an ankle injury. Harry Carson, an *inside linebacker,* caught a touchdown pass, his only catch in 11 years.

However unconventional the style, the one who pulled it together at a high level all season was veteran quarterback Phil Simms. After years of overcoming injuries, Simms put together his third consecutive standout season, passing for 3,487 yards and finishing as the NFC's fourth-ranked quarterback. Simms is an excellent downfield passer with an aggressive approach to the game. He also isn't afraid to run.

Says wide receiver Phil McConkey: "Mentally and physically, Phil Simms is the toughest guy on this team."

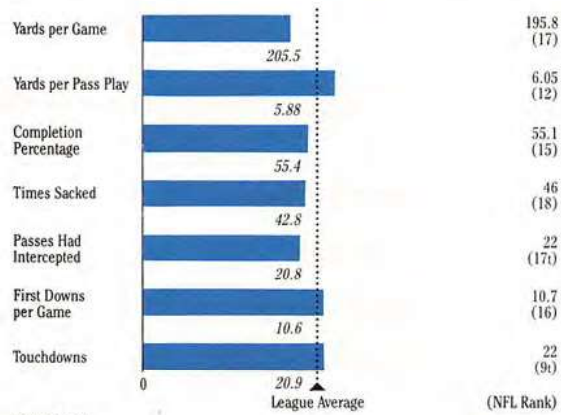
Bavaro is a force. He has a great pair of hands. He also has strength, balance, and agility, and can catch both long and short passes. Bavaro runs surprisingly well for a big man (6-4, 245).

The Giants use three wide receivers interchangeably—Bobby Johnson, Manuel, and Robinson. Johnson is sneaky quick, with game-breaking abilities, while Manuel returned just in time for the playoffs and caught a touchdown pass against Washington. He also has some speed.

Something to think about: Backup quarterback Jeff Rutledge has completed two big passes out of fake field-goal formations this season.

JIM TURNER

Quarterback Phil Simms passed for 3,487 yards and 21 touchdowns to lead the Giants to a 14-2 regular-season record. He ranked fourth in the NFC passer ratings.



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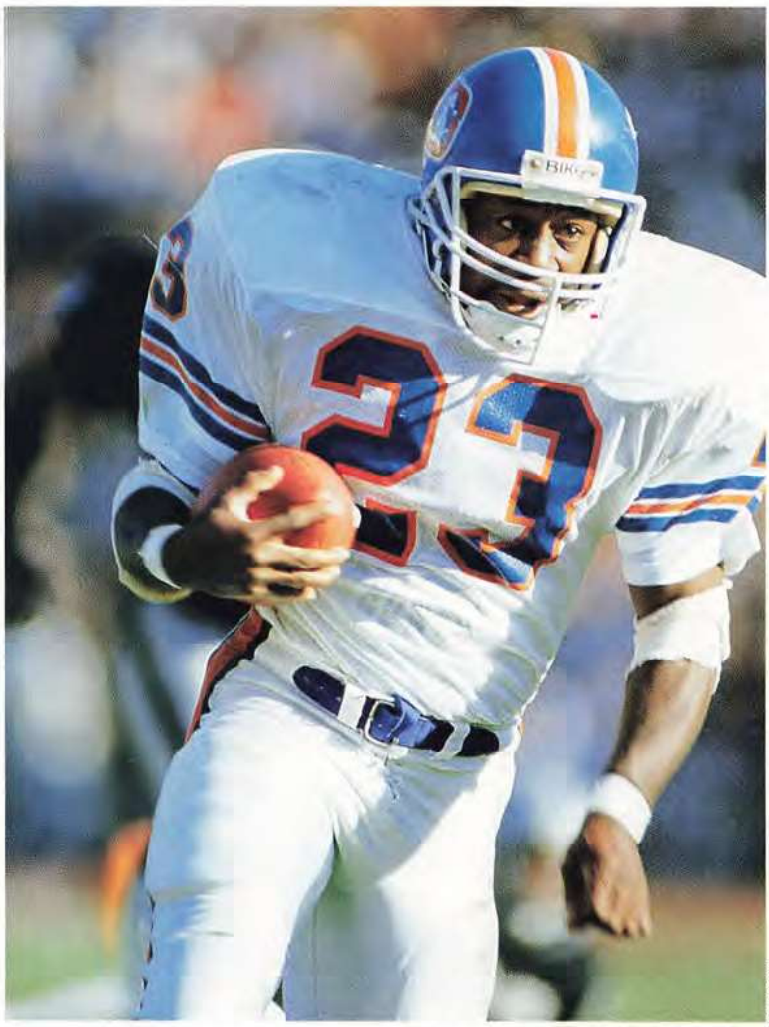
PASSING	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Yards	Avg.	TD	%TD	Int.	%Int.	Long	Rating
Simms	468	259	55.3	3487	7.45	21	4.5	22	4.7	49	74.6
Rutledge	3	1	33.3	13	4.33	1	33.3	0	0.0	13t	87.5
Galbreath	1	0	0.0	0	0.00	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	39.6

RECEIVING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
Bavaro	66	1001	15.2	41	4
Galbreath	33	268	8.1	19	0
B. Johnson	31	534	17.2	44t	5
Robinson	29	494	17.0	49	2
Morris	21	233	11.1	23	1
McConkey	16	279	17.4	46	1
Carthon	16	67	4.2	10	0
Manuel	11	181	16.5	35	3
Mowatt	10	119	11.9	30	2
Miller	9	144	16.0	32t	2
Anderson	9	46	5.1	12	0
Rouson	8	121	15.1	37t	1
Carson	1	13	13.0	13t	1

BRONCOS RUSHING



RON VESELY

Veteran running back Sammy Winder led the Broncos in rushing with 789 yards. His 14 total touchdowns set a new team record and led all AFC players.

The Broncos' ground game is consistent and persistent, helping to set up their flashier passing game. Much of the consistency has to be attributed to the almost clone-like physical characteristics of running backs Sammy Winder, Gerald Willhite, and Gene Lang, all of whom vary only slightly at around 5 feet 10 inches and 200 pounds. None of them are overpowering or have breakaway speed, but they keep coming at you, rotating into the backfield and gaining three and four yards a pop.

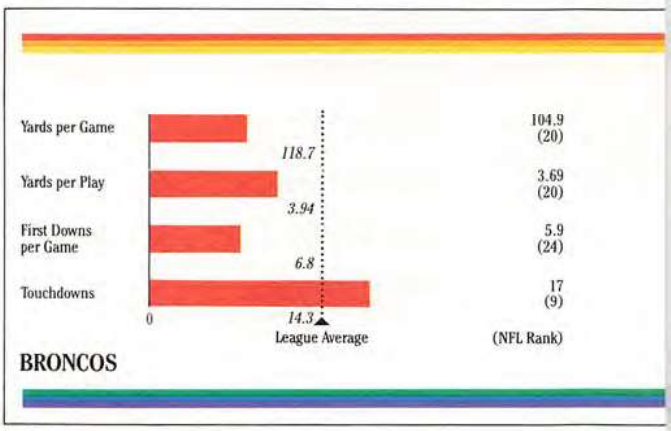
They aren't spectacular, but they usually are effective. Winder led the team with 789 yards and nine rushing touchdowns (he led the AFC with 14 combined rushing and receiving touchdowns). Willhite ran for 365 yards and five touchdowns. Steve Sewell, who at 6-3 and 210 pounds doesn't fit the mold, ranked fourth among Broncos rushers and had the highest average per carry, 5.3 yards.

Denver's "wham" blocking scheme bolsters the inside rushing game by using a motion man (or "wham man"), most often rookie tight end Orson Mobley or Sewell, to lead the ball carrier through the line. Offensive tackles Dave Studdard and Ken Lanier, guards Keith Bishop (voted to the Pro Bowl) and Mark Cooper (replacing veteran Paul Howard, who was injured in the Divisional Playoff Game), and center Billy Bryan augment wham plays with either trap or straight-ahead blocking. On outside running plays, the blocking of tight ends Mobley and Clarence Kay also is critical.

Quarterback John Elway, Denver's other offensive Pro Bowl selection, can beat opponents with his legs as well as his passing arm. A career-high 257 rushing yards this season ranked him first among AFC quarterbacks in that category for the third consecutive year, and third among all Broncos players. Against the Browns in the AFC Championship Game, he rushed 4 times for 56 yards; he ran for 18 yards and a touchdown the previous week against the Patriots.

Elway and the Broncos frequently run out of the Shotgun formation. A key to anticipating a run from the Shotgun is the number of running backs in the formation; with two in the game, a run becomes a strong possibility.

RUSHING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
Winder	240	789	3.3	31	9
Willhite	85	365	4.3	42	5
Elway	52	257	4.9	24	1
Sewell	23	123	5.3	15	1
Lang	29	94	3.2	14	1
Kubiak	6	22	3.7	10	0
Bell	9	17	1.9	12	0
Johnson	5	15	3.0	6	0
M. Jackson	2	6	3.0	5	0
Boddie	1	2	2.0	2	0
Horan	1	0	0.0	0	0
Mobley	1	−1	−1.0	−1	0
Norman	1	−11	−11.0	−11	0



GIANTS RUSHING

It was week 9 of the 1986 season, and the Giants had just won an NFC East showdown with the Dallas Cowboys, 17-14 at the Meadowlands. For the second time in six days, New York's 5-foot 7-inch dynamo, Joe Morris, had rushed for 181 yards to key the victory. Dallas coach Tom Landry was asked about the Giants' offense. "Joe Morris," Landry said. "He's their offense."

For the second consecutive year, Morris set a Giants single-season rushing record. His 1,516 yards trailed only the Los Angeles Rams' Eric Dickerson (1,821) among NFL running backs. Morris is deceptive. In spite of his diminutive stature, he is one of the strongest players on the team (he has squat-lifted 555 pounds). Morris is an exceptional cutter, particularly when playing on artificial turf, which he did in 15 of the Giants' 18 games this season. How well he adjusts to the Rose Bowl's grass surface may be critical. A key statistic: Playing on grass this season, Morris carried the ball 53 times for 186 yards (3.5 yards per carry; his overall average in the regular season was 4.4).

New York has depth at running back. Starting alongside Morris is big (6-1, 225) Maurice Carthon, a good lead blocker. The reserves are all 220-pounders, too: Lee Rouson and veterans Tony Galbreath and Ottis Anderson. Galbreath, the Giants' second-leading receiver this season with 33 catches, has caught more passes (464) than any running back in NFL history. Anderson was obtained in an October trade with St. Louis, where he had become the Cardinals' all-time leading rusher (7,845 yards in seven seasons).

Morris and friends line up behind a solid offensive line that plays well together. Guards Chris Godfrey and Billy Ard are adept at traps and also are excellent lead blockers. Left tackle Brad Benson, a finesse player, was picked for his first AFC-NFC Pro Bowl. Center Bart Oates anchors the line, which also includes right tackle Karl Nelson and Mark Bavaro, one of the best blocking tight ends in the NFL. Now that the former starter at tight end, Zeke Mowatt, is healthy again, the Giants may use a double-tight-end formation in an effort to at least partially neutralize Denver's effective three-man defensive line, which is led by active left end Rulon Jones.

JIM TURNER

Joe Morris, though just 5-7 and 195 pounds, finished second in NFL rushing with 1,516 yards. He added 233 yards receiving, and scored 15 touchdowns.

GIANTS

RUSHING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
Morris	341	1516	4.4	54	14
Carthon	72	260	3.6	12	0
Rouson	54	179	3.3	21t	2
Anderson	24	81	3.4	16	1
Simms	43	72	1.7	18	1
Galbreath	16	61	3.8	10	0
B. Johnson	2	28	14.0	22	0
Manuel	1	25	25.0	25	0
Rutledge	3	19	6.3	18	0
Miller	1	3	3.0	3	0
Hostetler	1	1	1.0	1	0

BRONCOS PASSING DEFENSE

OWEN SHAW

Cornerback Mike Harden had an exceptional season, leading the Broncos with six interceptions, two of which he returned for touchdowns.

When teams line up against Denver's defense, the first thing they do is try to locate number 77. If they can't, they're in trouble, because Karl Mecklenburg is the key to defensive coordinator Joe Collier's machine. Collier's constant goal is to get Mecklenburg mismatched against a running back in a blocking scheme. When the plan works, the quarterback is likely to meet the turf.

However, despite his importance—127 tackles and 9½ sacks—Mecklenburg, who can line up anywhere along the defensive line or at linebacker, is not the only mainstay in Denver's defense.

The leader of the defensive line is left end Rulon Jones, who plays on both running and passing downs. Jones finished fourth in the AFC with 13½ sacks. On passing downs, Jones is joined on the line by Mecklenburg, Freddie Gilbert, and Simon Fletcher. These four don't line up in any predictable order, except that Jones usually is over the lineman Collier considers the weak link.

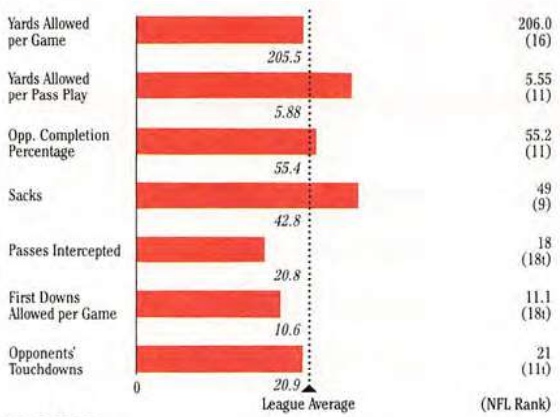
When the Broncos go into a 4-3, the linebackers are Ricky Hunley in the middle and Jim Ryan and Ken Woodard on the outside.

The Broncos are a multiple-coverage team, using a three-deep zone, a man-to-man coverage with a free safety, and a two-deep zone. The secondary generally starts cornerbacks Louis Wright and Mike Harden, and safeties Dennis Smith and Steve Foley. The Broncos use all of their players, however, and nowhere is this more evident than in the secondary. After about three series, they are totally replaced, with cornerbacks Steve Wilson and Mark Haynes and safeties Tony Lilly and Randy Robbins entering the game.

In obvious passing situations, the Broncos go to a Nickel, in which Lilly is the fifth back, or a 4-1-6, in which Lilly and Wilson come into the game and either Ryan or Woodard is the sole linebacker.

The Broncos frequently show eight or more alignments in the first quarter alone. After that, if the Giants can't block one or two of the schemes, Denver will be coming with them the rest of the game, or until New York figures them out.

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
Harden	6	179	29.8	52	2
Wright	3	56	18.7	56	0
Lilly	3	22	7.3	15	0
Foley	2	39	19.5	24	0
Hunley	1	22	22.0	22	0
Dennison	1	5	5.0	5	0
D. Smith	1	0	0.0	0	0
Wilson	1	−5	−5.0	−5	0



GIANTS PASSING DEFENSE

If the Giants' play in two postseason games is a barometer, the most deceiving statistic of the year is their nineteenth-place ranking in pass defense in the NFL.

New York so dominated San Francisco and Washington that the fact that it gave up an average of 217.1 yards per game to opposing passers during the regular season was all but erased.

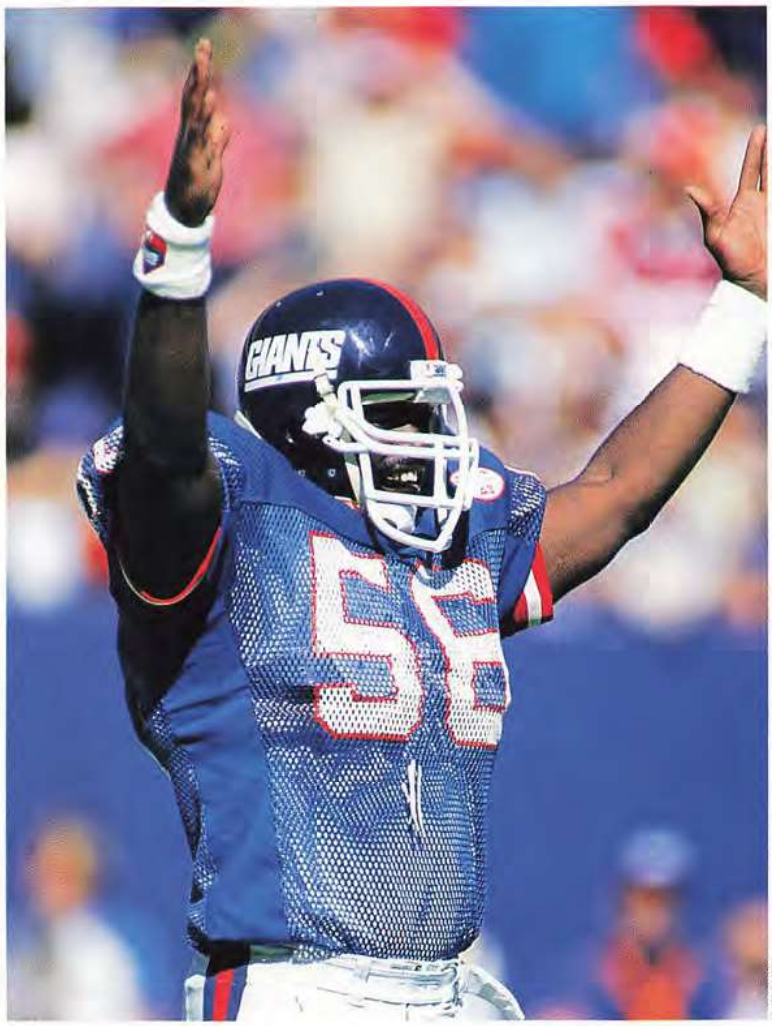
Once the Giants get a lead, it is very difficult to play catch-up against them because of their extremely strong and dogged pass rush. But in their regular-season meeting this year, Denver's John Elway came up with 336 yards on 29 completions in 47 passes. That kept the game close, despite Denver's inability to run.

Overall, the Giants keep it simple—so simple, in fact, that the more formation variations the Broncos show, the more basic the Giants will be.

They keep to a 3-4 alignment to start series, but on certain passing downs, they will change to either a 3-3-5 or a 3-5-3 defense, showing blitz and putting a hard rush on the passer. New York plays a combination of coverages, which can include a full zone, or a man-to-man and zone combo, each made tougher by quick reaction to the ball.

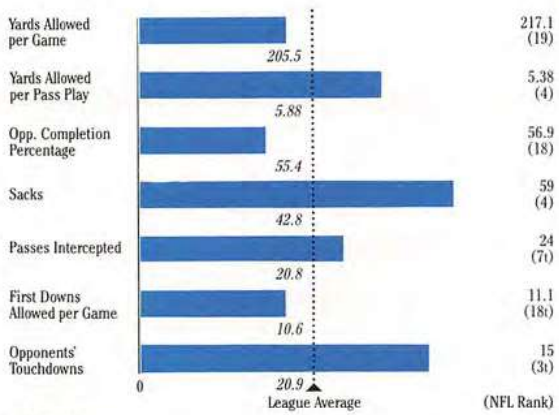
The pass defense is as aggressive as any in the league. The key is linebacker Lawrence Taylor, who lines up in a variety of positions in an attempt to confuse the offense. Taylor led the NFL in sacks with 20½. End Leonard Marshall had 12. As a team, the Giants ranked fourth in the NFL with 59. They tied for seventh in interceptions with 24.

New York's normal deep alignment has Perry Williams and Elvis Patterson at cornerback and Herb Welch and Kenny Hill at safeties. In the 3-5-3 passing alignment, Byron Hunt moves in as an extra linebacker. In the 3-3-5, Andy Headen comes in at linebacker in place of Harry Carson and Gary Reasons. Greg Lasker comes in as the Nickel back.



AL KOOISTRA

Lawrence Taylor, the premier linebacker in the NFL, raises his hands in triumph after recording one of his league-leading 20½ sacks. He led a defense that produced 59 sacks.



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INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
Kinard	4	52	13.0	25	0
Williams	4	31	7.8	15	0
Hill	3	25	8.3	23	0
Reasons	2	28	14.0	18	0
Patterson	2	26	13.0	26	0
Welch	2	22	11.0	16	0
Martin	1	78	78.0	78t	1
Carson	1	20	20.0	20	0
P. Johnson	1	13	13.0	13	0
Headen	1	1	1.0	1	0
Collins	1	0	0.0	0	0
Flynn	1	0	0.0	0	0
Lasker	1	0	0.0	0	0
Marshall	1	0	0.0	0	0

BRONCOS RUSHING DEFENSE

JIM TURNER

In his first season as a starter, inside linebacker Ricky Hunley was the leading tackler for the Broncos, whose defense against the run was the best in the AFC in 1986.

Don't expect to see anything from the Broncos' defense that it hasn't been doing all season. Then again, don't be surprised if you can't get a handle on exactly what the Broncos are doing defensively. A few offensive coaches around the NFL haven't figured them out, either.

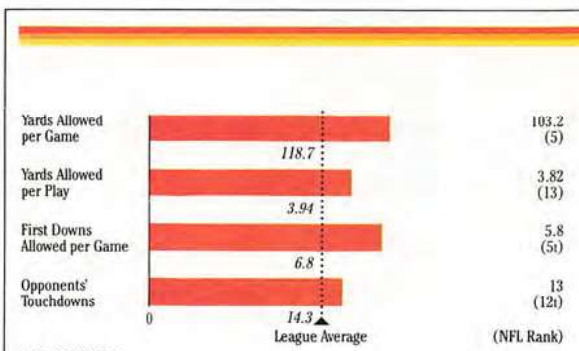
The Broncos are a unique team defensively. They are perhaps the most disciplined defense in the league; they don't make many mistakes. At the same time, they present a number of problems to offensive teams that other defenses don't. Defensive coordinator Joe Collier has developed a complicated defense that shows many alignments. The level of understanding needed to perform in Collier's system means it also is a veteran defense, averaging seven years per starter.

The Broncos ranked first in the AFC in rushing defense through a strong concept of team, rather than individual, play. The team's most dominant player against the run is Karl Mecklenburg, who begins each game at left inside linebacker. Generally, the Broncos open a game in a 3-4, but then start moving Mecklenburg around. He lines up at any defensive line or linebacker position. Mecklenburg is a reaction player; he doesn't do things at the snap, but he has few peers at flowing to the ball.

The Broncos' defensive line on running downs consists of AFC Pro Bowl starter Rulon Jones at left end, Greg Kragen at nose tackle, and Andre Townsend at right end. Jones, the leader of the line, is an attacking player who doesn't sit and read, but who creates things in the offensive backfield. The goal of the Broncos' defensive line is to get penetration.

While the defensive line interrupts the flow of the play, the outside linebackers—Jim Ryan on the left and Tom Jackson on the right—try to string the play out, letting Mecklenburg and right inside linebacker Ricky Hunley make most of the tackles. As could be expected from this setup, Hunley and Mecklenburg led the team in tackles, with 164 and 127, respectively. Another part of the rushing defense is hard-hitting safety Dennis Smith.

The Broncos won't do anything differently against the Giants than they have done all year, at least partly because they normally do so much and have so many looks. They would have no problem stopping Joe Morris if they chose to go to an eight-man line, but, as San Francisco found out in a Monday night game, that would lead to a potential air assault by Phil Simms. The Broncos will try to slow down Morris enough to force Simms into passing situations through their normal alignments. Then the Broncos will try to meet at the quarterback.



GIANTS RUSHING DEFENSE

The Giants bring the NFL's number-one defense against the run into Super Bowl XXI. In 11 games this season, the opposition could not generate 100 yards running, which will put undue pressure on the Broncos' passing game.

New York held teams without touchdowns three times during the regular season, and neither the 49ers nor Redskins could cross the Giants' goal line in the playoffs.

This is a no-frills defense that shows its opponents a 3-4 set most of the time, and changes to 3-3-5 and 3-5-3 alignments on certain passing downs. It is arguably the most physical defense in the league.

The Giants allowed opponents an average of just 80.3 yards a game on the ground and held the Chargers, Redskins (in their first meeting and again in the championship game), and 49ers (in the playoffs) under 50. In handing the 49ers a 49-3 humiliation in the divisional playoffs, the Giants gave up only 29 yards rushing. The Redskins fared only slightly better in the conference title game with 40 yards.

New York's three front men—nose tackle Jim Burt and ends Leonard Marshall and George Martin—try to jam up the blockers, thus allowing the hard-hitting linebackers to move in to make the tackles.

With Carl Banks, Gary Reasons, Harry Carson, and Lawrence Taylor (reading left to right) filling in quickly, it makes running a most difficult assignment. Banks led the Giants in tackles with 120, but Carson was close behind with 118; Taylor had 105. Banks and Carson tied for the team lead with 87 solo tackles each; Taylor had 79. They hit hard, too, forcing 23 fumbles during regular-season play.

Even Marcus Allen of the Los Angeles Raiders, one of the premier running backs in the league, could gain only 40 yards in 15 carries in an early season 14-9 loss to the Giants.

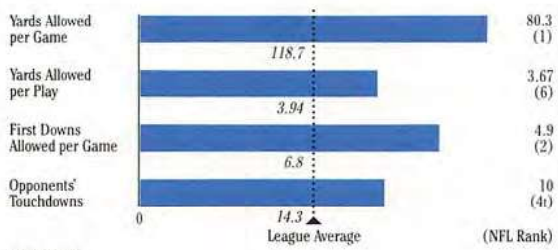
Against the Broncos in a late-season 19-16 victory at the Meadowlands, the Giants allowed Denver only 80 yards rushing. Sammy Winder had 24 yards on 13 carries, but quarterback John Elway scrambled for 51 yards on eight carries.

Burt, Marshall, Taylor, and Carson were voted to the NFC Pro Bowl team this year. Yet it was Martin who came up with the big play against Denver in their regular-season meeting. He made a one-handed interception of a pass by Elway and returned it 78 yards for the Giants' lone touchdown in the game. In his 12-year career, Martin has scored seven touchdowns.

The Giants will not show many different sets defensively, but what they do show will be very strong.

JIM TURNER

Linebackers Harry Carson (53) and Carl Banks (58) show how to stuff a run, something the Giants did very well as their number-one ranking in the NFL attests. New York allowed an average of only 80.3 rushing yards per game.



GIANTS

BRONCOS SPECIAL TEAMS

GEORGE ROSE

Gerald Willhite (with ball) was the AFC's second-leading punt returner with 468 yards and an 11.1 average. Denver features a dangerous duo on kickoff returns in Ken Bell and Gene Lang.

If anyone had asked Dan Reeves midway through the 1986 season what area his team needed to improve the most, he wouldn't have hesitated to say the punting game. Denver first tried Jack Weil and then went back to Chris Norman, who had been the Broncos' punter in 1984-85. Both proved ineffective.

Reeves went looking again and finally settled on former Eagles punter Mike Horan. The left-footed Horan brought stability to the position, averaging 41.1 yards per punt the last four weeks of the regular season. He put 8 of his 21 punts inside the 20-yard line (Weil and Norman had combined to place only 7 of 64 total punts inside the 20). Horan had an exceptional game in the divisional playoff against the New England Patriots, averaging 49 yards per punt.

The placekicking duties are in the capable hands of five-year man Rich Karlis, whose 33-yard field goal in overtime won the AFC Championship Game against Cleveland. Karlis, who kicks barefooted, had his third consecutive 100-point season (104) in 1986, converting on 44 of 45 extra points and 20 of 28 field goals.

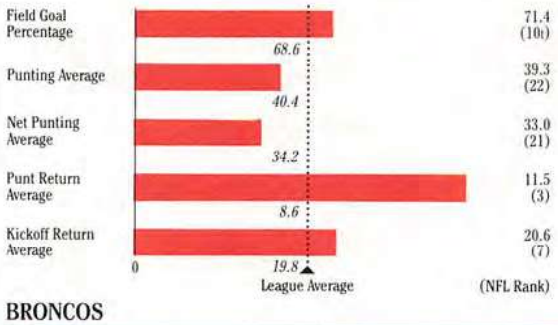
Gerald Willhite finished second in the AFC in punt returns in 1986 with an 11.1-yard average and had a 70-yarder for a touchdown. Willhite, who is both elusive and extremely quick, has the capability to break free for a long gain any time he touches the ball.

Reserve running backs Ken Bell (23.1 average in 1986) and Gene Lang (22.9) handle the kickoff returns. Don't be surprised to see Reeves pull out all the stops in today's game by trying a reverse on a kickoff to running back Steve Sewell. Denver ran one reverse to Sewell this season and also faked the gimmick once.

Denver's punt and kickoff coverage teams were disappointing, ranking only eighteenth and fifteenth, respectively, in the NFL this season. They are led by linebacker Ken Woodard and defensive backs Randy Robbins and Steve Wilson. □

PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	Blk.
Horan	21	864	41.1	50	0
Weil	34	1344	39.5	55	0
Norman	30	1168	38.9	57	1
PUNT RETURNS	**No.**	**FC**	**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**Long**	**TD**
Willhite	42	8	468	11.1	70t	1
Johnson	3	0	36	12.0	19	0
M. Jackson	2	0	7	3.5	6	0
Harden	1	0	41	41.0	41t	1
KICKOFF RETURNS	**No.**	**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**Long**	**TD**
Bell	23	531	23.1	42	0
Lang	21	480	22.9	42	0
Willhite	3	35	11.7	23	0
Johnson	2	21	10.5	21	0
Hunley	2	11	5.5	6	0
M. Jackson	1	16	16.0	16	0
Ryan	1	0	0.0	0	0

FIELD GOALS	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Total
Karlis	0-0	3-4	8-8	8-14	1-2	20-28



GIANTS SPECIAL TEAMS

Raul Allegre's future looked bleak this year when he was cut in training camp by the Indianapolis Colts. But after three weeks of the regular season, he got a call from the New York Giants, who were in desperate need of someone to bolster their kicking game.

Allegre signed with the Giants and got the second chance he was looking for. He finished fifth in the NFC in kick scoring with 105 points in 13 weeks, connecting on all 33 of his extra-point attempts and on 24 of 32 field goals. Allegre doesn't have the strongest leg in the league (his longest field goal this year was 46 yards), but he is one of the league's most accurate kickers inside 40 yards, hitting 18 of 19 in 1986. His field goals were the margin of victory in consecutive midseason wins over Dallas, Philadelphia, Minnesota, and, yes, Denver.

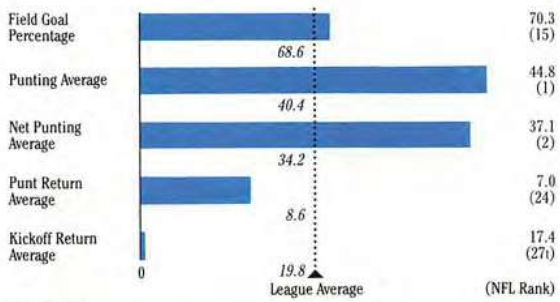
Allegre wasn't the only Giants special teams player to have a standout season. Punter Sean Landeta led the NFC in gross punting average (44.8 yards per punt, second best in the NFL). Landeta, who was selected to his first NFC Pro Bowl team, also was one of the league's best at putting the ball out of bounds inside the opponent's 20-yard line (24 out of 79 total punts in the regular season). He responded to pressure in the NFC Championship Game against Washington when he had to kick into a wind that was as high as 32 miles per hour, but still averaged 42 yards and had two punts into the wind that had hang times of five seconds.

Punt and kickoff returns were two of the Giants' few problem areas in 1986. New York ranked near the bottom of the league, averaging only 7.0 on punt returns (twenty-fourth in the NFL) and 17.4 on kickoffs (tied for twenty-seventh). The bulk of those duties were handled by reserve wide receiver Phil McConkey (7.9 average on punts and 19.6 on kickoffs). Mark Collins also returns kickoffs.

New York's punt and kickoff coverage teams are among the hardest hitting in the NFL. They are led by reserve linebackers Byron Hunt and Pepper Johnson, and safety Greg Lasker. □

JIM TURNER

Raul Allegre (2) produced 105 points during the regular season to finish fifth among NFC kickers, even though he wasn't picked up until the fourth game. Allegre connected on 24 of 32 field-goal attempts and all 33 conversions.



PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	Blk.
Landeta	79	3539	44.8	61	0
PUNT RETURNS	**No.**	**FC**	**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**Long**	**TD**
McConkey	32	12	253	7.9	22	0
Collins	3	1	11	3.7	6	0
Galbreath	3	1	1	0.3	1	0
Manuel	3	6	22	7.3	12	0
KICKOFF RETURNS	**No.**	**Yds.**	**Avg.**	**Long**	**TD**
McConkey	24	471	19.6	27	0
Collins	11	204	18.5	26	0
Miller	7	111	15.9	23	0
Hill	5	61	12.2	30	0
Rouson	2	21	10.5	12	0
Lasker	1	0	0.0	0	0

FIELD GOALS	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Total
Allegre	0-0	10-11	8-8	6-11	0-2	24-32
Cooper	0-0	2-2	0-1	0-1	0-0	2-4
Thomas	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1

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HOW THEY WERE BUILT

YEAR	DRAFT (28)	TRADE (3)	FREE AGENTS (13) WAIVERS (1)
1973 7-5-2 2nd, AFC West	LB Tom Jackson (4)		
1974 7-6-1 2nd, AFC West			
1975 6-8 2nd, AFC West	CB Louis Wright (1) S Steve Foley (8)		
1976 9-5 2nd, AFC West			
1977 14-3 AFC Champions	C Billy Bryan (4)		
1978 10-7 1st, AFC West			
1979 10-7 2nd, AFC West			LB Jim Ryan (FA) T Dave Studdard (FA) WR Steve Watson (FA)
1980 8-8 4th, AFC West	DE Rulon Jones (2) CB Mike Harden (5A) G-C Keith Bishop (6)		
1981 10-6 2nd, AFC West	S Dennis Smith (1) T Ken Lanier (5)		
1982 2-7 12th, AFC Regular Season	RB Gerald Willhite (1) RB Sammy Winder (5) LB Ken Woodard (10)		LB Darren Comeaux (FA) LB Rick Dennison (FA) K Rich Karlis (FA) CB Steve Wilson (FA)
1983 9-8 3rd, AFC West	G-T Mark Cooper (2) WR Clint Sampson (3) QB Gary Kubiak (8) LB Karl Mecklenburg (12)	QB John Elway (from Baltimore)	
1984 13-4 1st, AFC West	DE Andre Townsend (2) S Tony Lilly (3) S Randy Robbins (4) TE Clarence Kay (7) RB Gene Lang (11) DE Freddie Gilbert (1-S)	LB Ricky Hunley (from Cincinnati)	G Mike Freeman (FA)
1985 11-5 2nd, AFC West	RB Steve Sewell (1) WR Vance Johnson (2A) DE Simon Fletcher (2B)		NT Greg Kragen (FA)
1986 13-5 AFC Champions	NT Tony Colorito (5) TE Orson Mobley (6A) WR Mark Jackson (6B)	CB Mark Haynes (from N.Y. Giants)	RB Ken Bell (FA) TE Joe Hackett (FA) P Mike Horan (FA) TE Bobby Micho (W) T Dan Remsberg (FA)

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HOW THEY WERE BUILT

YEAR	DRAFT (27)	TRADE (5)	FREE AGENTS (13)
1975 5-9 4th, NFC East	DE George Martin (11)		
1976 3-11 5th, NFC East	LB Harry Carson (4B)		
1977 5-9 5th, NFC East			T Brad Benson
1978 6-10 5th, NFC East			
1979 6-10 4th, NFC East	QB Phil Simms (1)		
1980 4-12 5th, NFC East			
1981 10-8 3rd, NFC East	LB Lawrence Taylor (1) G Billy Ard (8C) LB Byron Hunt (9)		NT Jim Burt
1982 4-5 10th, NFC Regular Season	RB Joe Morris (2)	QB Jeff Rutledge (from L.A. Rams)	NT Jerome Sally
1983 3-12 5th, NFC East	DE Leonard Marshall (2) T Karl Nelson (3A) CB Perry Williams (7) LB Andy Headen (8) LB Robbie Jones (12A)		TE Zeke Mowatt
1984 10-8 2nd, NFC East	LB Carl Banks (1A) T William Roberts (1B) LB Gary Reasons (4B) WR Lionel Manuel (7)	RB Tony Galbreath (from Minnesota) S Kenny Hill (from L.A. Raiders)	G Chris Godfrey WR Bobby Johnson CB Elvis Patterson
1985 13-6 1st, NFC East	WR Stacy Robinson (2) C Brian Johnston (3B) TE Mark Bavaro (4) RB Lee Rouson (8) S Herb Welch (12)		RB Maurice Carthon T Damian Johnson P Sean Landeta C Bart Oates
1986 16-2 NFC Champions	DE Eric Dorsey (1) CB Mark Collins (2A) NT Erik Howard (2B) LB Pepper Johnson (2C) S Greg Lasker (2D) WR Solomon Miller (6A)	RB Ottis Anderson (from St. Louis) WR Phil McConkey (from Green Bay)	K Raul Allegre S Tom Flynn

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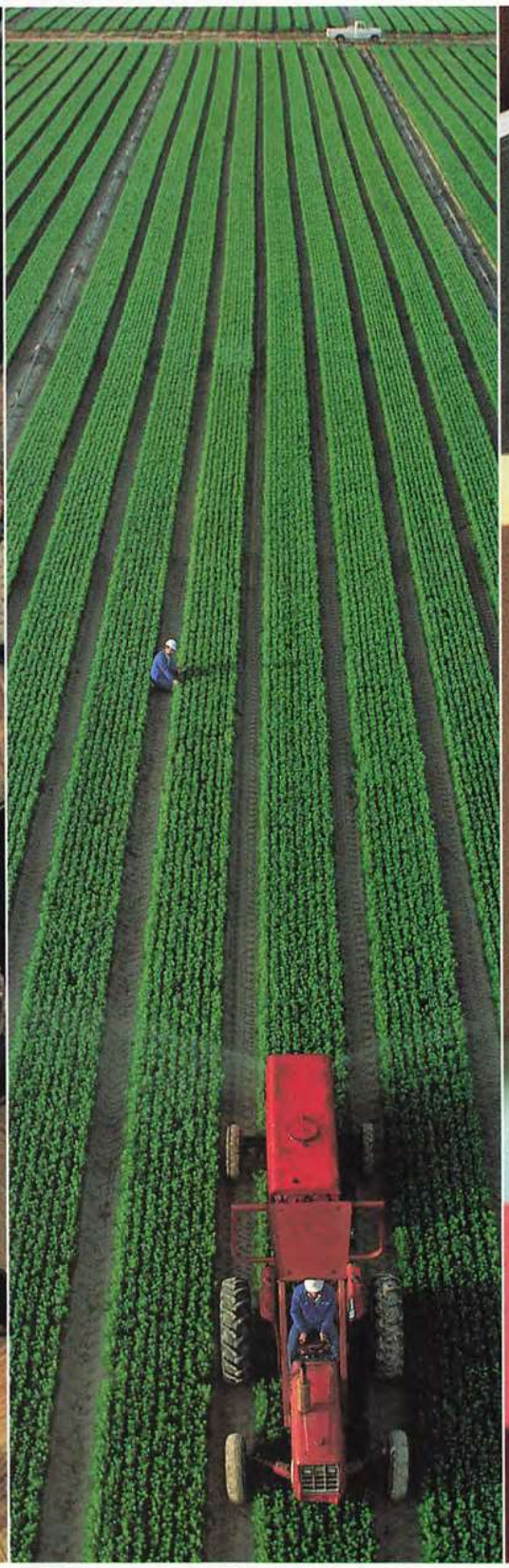

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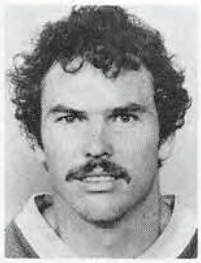

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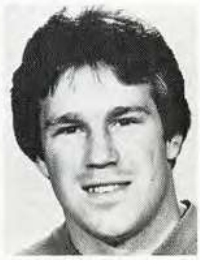

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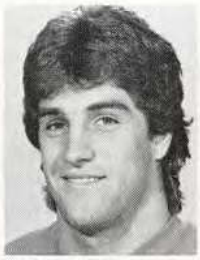

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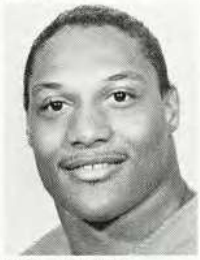

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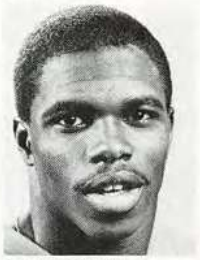

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Cornerback

47 GERALD WILLHITE
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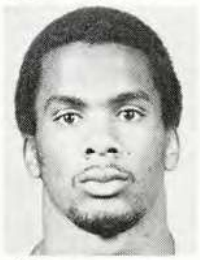

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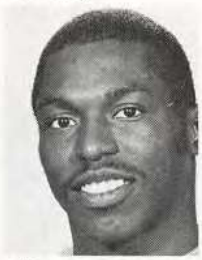
Linebacker



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54 KEITH BISHOP
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57 TOM JACKSON
Linebacker

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Linebacker

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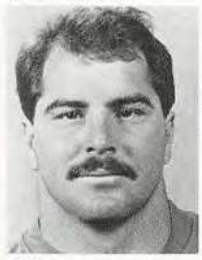

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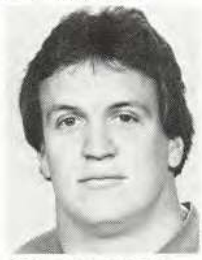

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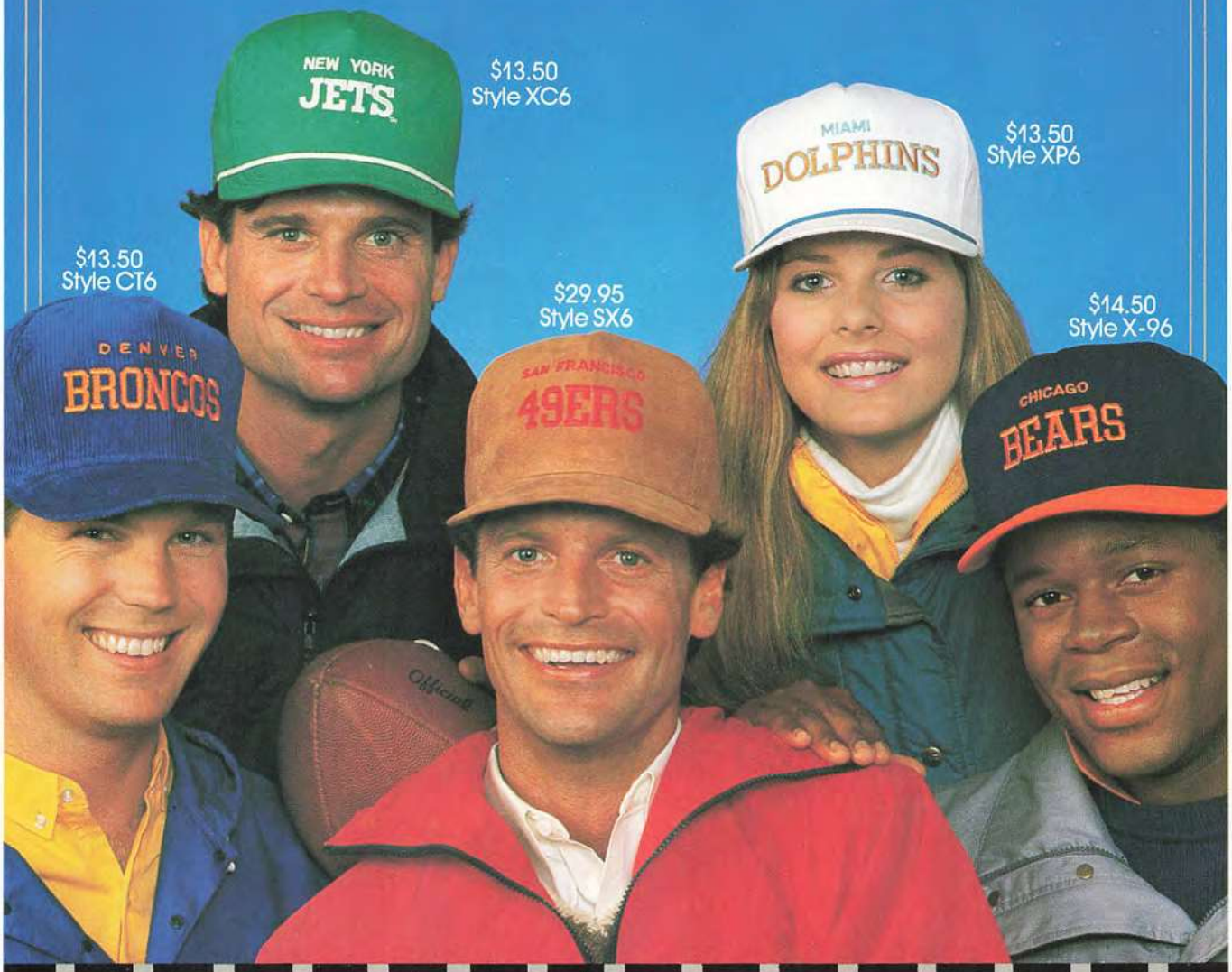

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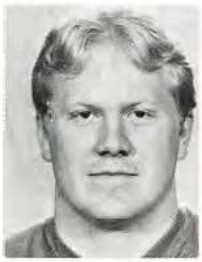

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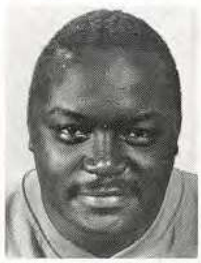

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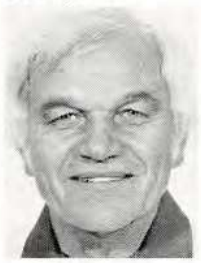

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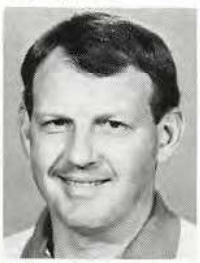

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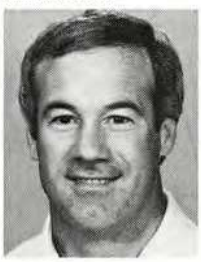

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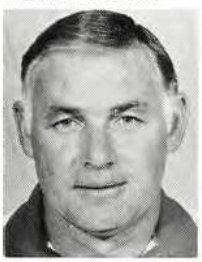

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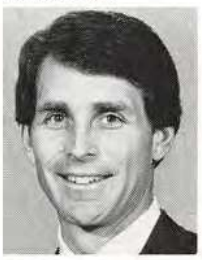

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35	Bell, Ken	RB	5-10	190	11/16/64	R	Boston College
54	Bishop, Keith	G-C	6-3	265	3/10/57	6	Baylor
64	Bryan, Billy	C	6-2	255	9/21/55	10	Duke
69	Colorito, Tony	NT	6-5	260	9/8/64	R	USC
59	Comeaux, Darren	LB	6-1	227	4/15/60	5	Arizona State
63	Cooper, Mark	G	6-5	267	2/14/60	4	Miami
55	Dennison, Rick	LB	6-3	220	6/22/58	5	Colorado State
7	Elway, John	QB	6-3	210	6/28/60	4	Stanford
73	Fletcher, Simon	DE	6-5	240	2/18/62	2	Houston
43	Foley, Steve	S	6-3	190	11/11/53	11	Tulane
62	Freeman, Mike	G-C	6-3	256	10/13/61	2	Arizona
90	Gilbert, Freddie	DE	6-4	275	4/8/62	1	Georgia
85	Hackett, Joey	TE	6-5	267	9/29/58	1	Elon
31	Harden, Mike	CB	6-1	192	2/16/59	7	Michigan
36	Haynes, Mark	CB	5-11	195	11/6/58	7	Colorado
2	Horan, Mike	P	5-11	190	2/1/59	3	Long Beach State
98	Hunley, Ricky	LB	6-2	238	11/11/61	3	Arizona
80	Jackson, Mark	WR	5-9	174	7/23/63	R	Purdue
57	Jackson, Tom	LB	5-11	220	4/4/51	14	Louisville
82	Johnson, Vance	WR	5-11	174	3/13/63	2	Arizona
75	Jones, Rulon	DE	6-6	260	3/25/58	7	Utah State
3	Karlis, Rich	K	6-0	180	5/23/59	5	Cincinnati
88	Kay, Clarence	TE	6-2	237	7/30/61	3	Georgia
71	Kragen, Greg	NT	6-3	245	3/4/62	2	Utah State
8	Kubiak, Gary	QB	6-0	192	8/15/61	4	Texas A&M
76	Lanier, Ken	T	6-3	269	7/8/59	6	Florida State
33	Lang, Gene	RB	5-10	196	3/15/62	3	LSU
22	Lilly, Tony	S	6-0	199	2/16/62	3	Florida
77	Mecklenburg, Karl	LB-DE	6-3	250	9/1/60	4	Minnesota
87	Micho, Bobby	TE	6-3	240	3/7/62	2	Texas
89	Mobley, Orson	TE	6-5	256	3/4/63	R	Salem
74	Remsberg, Dan	T	6-6	275	4/7/62	1	Abilene Christian
48	Robbins, Randy	S	6-2	189	9/14/62	3	Arizona
50	Ryan, Jim	LB	6-1	218	5/18/57	8	William & Mary
84	Sampson, Clint	WR	5-11	183	1/4/61	4	San Diego State
30	Sewell, Steve	RB	6-3	210	4/2/63	2	Oklahoma
49	Smith, Dennis	S	6-3	200	2/3/59	6	USC
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45	Wilson, Steve	CB	5-10	195	8/25/57	8	Howard
23	Winder, Sammy	RB	5-11	203	7/15/59	5	Southern Mississippi
52	Woodard, Ken	LB	6-1	218	1/22/60	5	Tuskegee Institute
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RT	**—76 Ken Lanier**	74 Dan Remsberg		
TE	**—89 Orson Mobley**	88 Clarence Kay	85 Joey Hackett	87 Bobby Micho
WR	**—81 Steve Watson**	84 Clint Sampson		
QB	**— 7 John Elway**	8 Gary Kubiak		
RB	**—23 Sammy Winder**	35 Ken Bell		
RB	**—47 Gerald Willhite**	33 Gene Lang	30 Steve Sewell	
DEFENSE				
LE	**—75 Rulon Jones**	90 Freddie Gilbert		
NT	**—71 Greg Kragen**	69 Tony Colorito		
RE	**—61 Andre Townsend**	73 Simon Fletcher		
LOLB	**—50 Jim Ryan**	59 Darren Comeaux		
LILB	**—77 Karl Mecklenburg**	55 Rick Dennison		
RILB	**—98 Ricky Hunley**	55 Rick Dennison		
ROLB	**—57 Tom Jackson**	52 Ken Woodard		
LCB	**—20 Louis Wright**	45 Steve Wilson		
RCB	**—31 Mike Harden**	36 Mark Haynes		
SS	**—49 Dennis Smith**	48 Randy Robbins		
FS	**—43 Steve Foley**	22 Tony Lilly		
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3	Rich Karlis/K	35	Ken Bell/RB	54	Keith Bishop/G-C	70	Dave Studdard/T	82	Vance Johnson/WR
7	John Elway/QB	36	Mark Haynes/CB	55	Rick Dennison/LB	71	Greg Kragen/NT	84	Clint Sampson/WR
8	Gary Kubiak/QB	43	Steve Foley/S	57	Tom Jackson/LB	73	Simon Fletcher/DE	85	Joey Hackett/TE
20	Louis Wright/CB	45	Steve Wilson/CB	59	Darren Comeaux/LB	74	Dan Remsberg/T	87	Bobby Micho/TE
22	Tony Lilly/S	47	Gerald Willhite/RB	61	Andre Townsend/DE-NT	75	Rulon Jones/DE	88	Clarence Kay/TE
23	Sammy Winder/RB	48	Randy Robbins/S	62	Mike Freeman/G-C	76	Ken Lanier/T	89	Orson Mobley/TE
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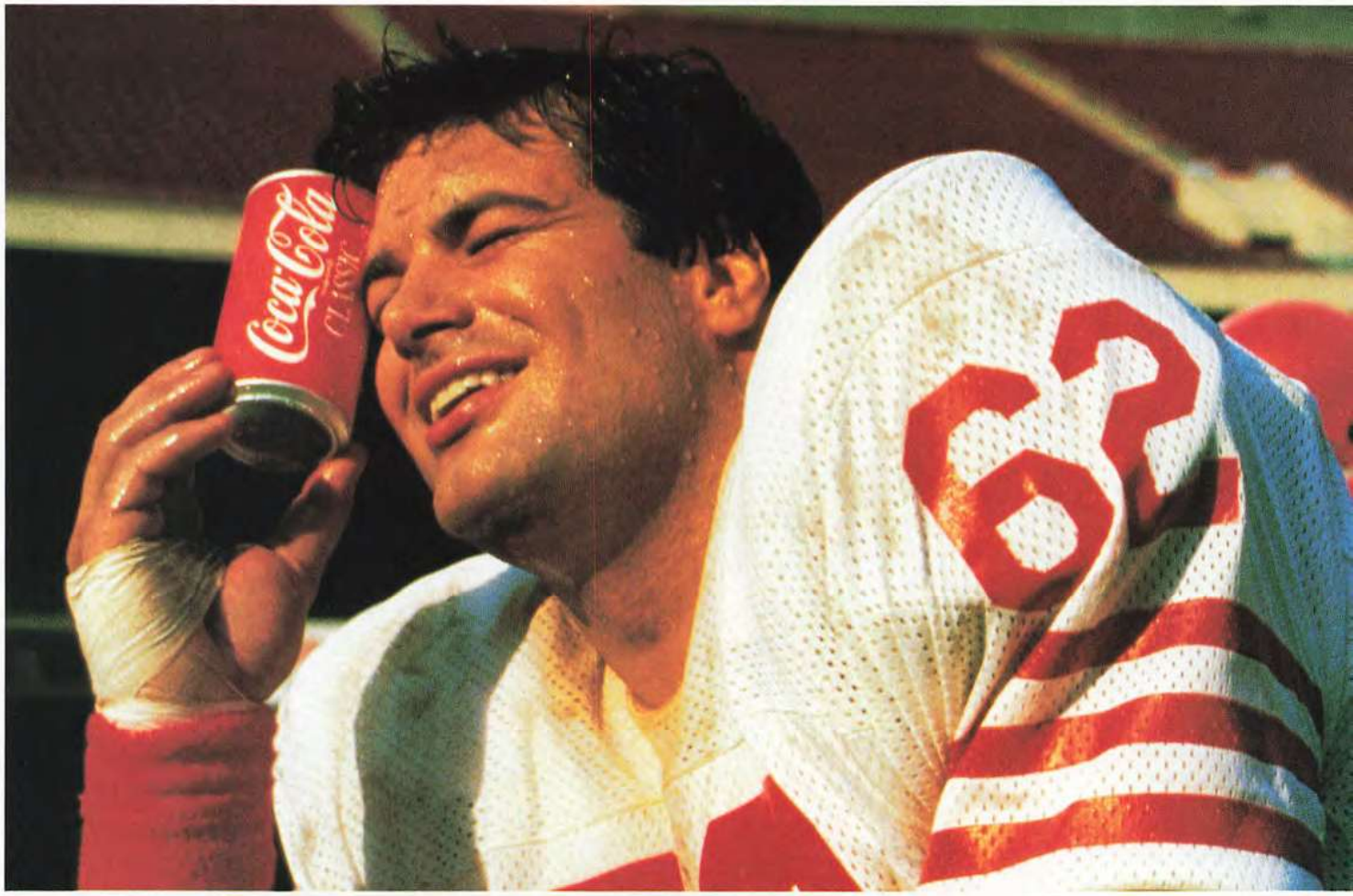

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2	Raul Allegre/K	27	Herb Welch/S	53	Harry Carson/LB	63	Karl Nelson/T	77	Eric Dorsey/DE
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67	Ard, Billy	G	6-3	270	3/12/59	6	Wake Forest
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64	Burt, Jim	NT	6-1	260	6/7/59	6	Miami
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44	Carthon, Maurice	RB	6-1	225	4/24/61	2	Arkansas State
25	Collins, Mark	CB	5-10	190	1/16/64	R	Cal State-Fullerton
77	Dorsey, Eric	DE	6-5	280	8/5/64	R	Notre Dame
28	Flynn, Tom	S	6-0	195	3/24/62	3	Pittsburgh
30	Galbreath, Tony	RB	6-0	228	1/29/54	11	Missouri
61	Godfrey, Chris	G	6-3	265	5/17/58	4	Michigan
54	Headen, Andy	LB	6-5	242	7/8/60	4	Clemson
48	Hill, Kenny	S	6-0	195	7/25/58	6	Yale
74	Howard, Erik	NT	6-4	268	11/12/64	R	Washington State
57	Hunt, Byron	LB	6-5	242	12/17/58	6	SMU
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84	Mowatt, Zeke	TE	6-3	240	3/5/61	3	Florida
63	Nelson, Karl	T	6-6	285	6/14/60	3	Iowa State
65	Oates, Bart	C	6-3	265	12/16/58	2	BYU
34	Patterson, Elvis	CB	5-11	188	10/21/60	3	Kansas
55	Reasons, Gary	LB	6-4	234	2/18/62	3	Northwestern State, Louisiana
66	Roberts, William	T	6-5	280	8/5/62	2	Ohio State
81	Robinson, Stacy	WR	5-11	186	2/19/62	2	North Dakota State
22	Rouson, Lee	RB	6-1	222	10/18/62	2	Colorado
17	Rutledge, Jeff	QB	6-1	195	1/22/57	8	Alabama
78	Sally, Jerome	NT	6-3	270	2/24/59	5	Missouri
11	Simms, Phil	QB	6-3	214	11/3/56	8	Morehead State
56	Taylor, Lawrence	LB	6-3	243	2/4/59	6	North Carolina
27	Welch, Herb	S	5-11	180	1/12/61	2	UCLA
23	Williams, Perry	CB	6-2	203	5/12/61	3	North Carolina State

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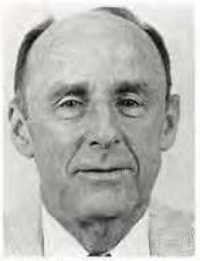

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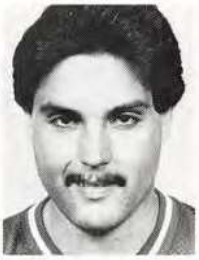

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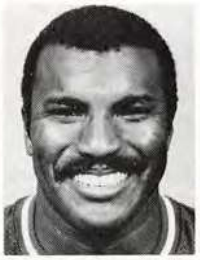

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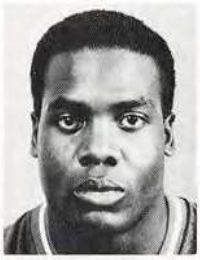

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23 PERRY WILLIAMS
Cornerback

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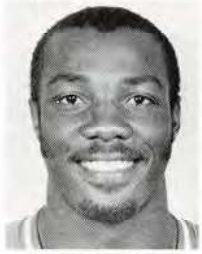
27 HERB WELCH
Safety

28 TOM FLYNN
Safety

30 TONY GALBREATH
Running Back



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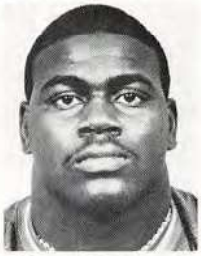

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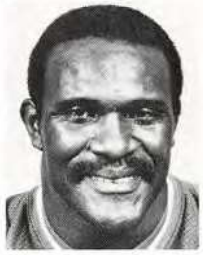

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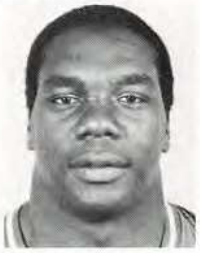

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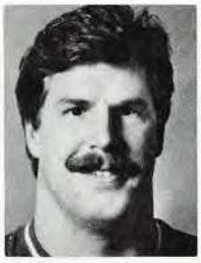
60 BRAD BENSON
Tackle

61 CHRIS GODFREY
Guard



63 KARL NELSON
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64 JIM BURT
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65 BART OATES
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66 WILLIAM ROBERTS
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67 BILLY ARD
Guard

68 DAMIAN JOHNSON
Tackle

70 L. MARSHALL
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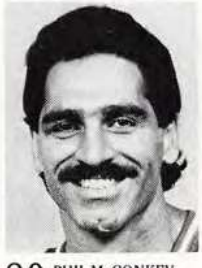

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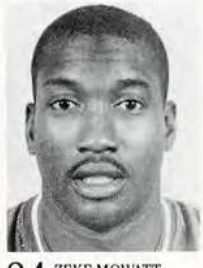
81 STACY ROBINSON
Wide Receiver



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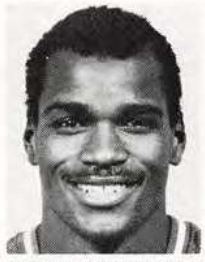

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Wide Receiver

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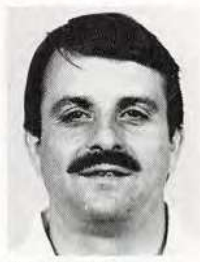

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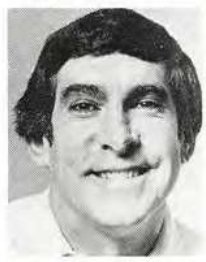

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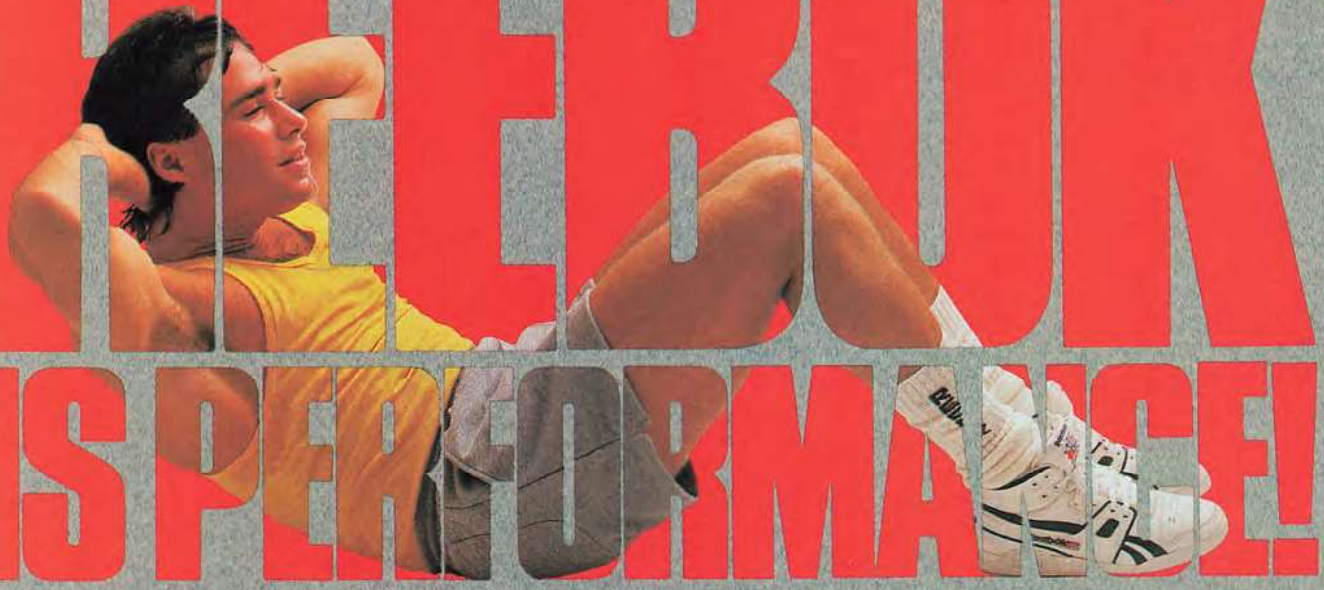

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I	Jan. 15, 1967 Green Bay 35, Kansas City 10
II	Jan. 14, 1968 Green Bay 33, Oakland 14
III	Jan. 12, 1969 New York Jets 16, Baltimore 7
IV	Jan. 11, 1970 Kansas City 23, Minnesota 7
V	Jan. 17, 1971 Baltimore 16, Dallas 13
VI	Jan. 16, 1972 Dallas 24, Miami 3
VII	Jan. 14, 1973 Miami 14, Washington 7
VIII	Jan. 13, 1974 Miami 24, Minnesota 7
IX	Jan. 12, 1975 Pittsburgh 16, Minnesota 6
X	Jan. 18, 1976 Pittsburgh 21, Dallas 17
XI	Jan. 9, 1977 Oakland 32, Minnesota 14
XII	Jan. 15, 1978 Dallas 27, Denver 10
XIII	Jan. 21, 1979 Pittsburgh 35, Dallas 31
XIV	Jan. 20, 1980 Pittsburgh 31, L.A. Rams 19
XV	Jan. 25, 1981 Oakland 27, Philadelphia 10
XVI	Jan. 24, 1982 San Francisco 26, Cincinnati 21
XVII	Jan. 30, 1983 Washington 27, Miami 17
XVIII	Jan. 22, 1984 L.A. Raiders 38, Washington 9
XIX	Jan. 20, 1985 San Francisco 38, Miami 16
XX	Jan. 26, 1986 Chicago 46, New England 10

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

Service

Most games
- 5 Larry Cole, Dallas, V, VI, X, XII, XIII
  Marv Fleming, Green Bay, I, II; Miami, VI, VII, VIII
  Cliff Harris, Dallas, V, VI, X, XII, XIII
  D. D. Lewis, Dallas, V, VI, X, XII, XIII
  Preston Pearson, Baltimore, III; Pittsburgh, IX; Dallas, X, XII, XIII
  Charlie Waters, Dallas, V, VI, X, XII, XIII
  Rayfield Wright, Dallas, V, VI, X, XII, XIII
- 4 By many players

Most games, winning team
- 4 By many players

Most games, coach
- 6 Don Shula, Baltimore, III; Miami, VI, VII, VIII, XVII, XIX
- 5 Tom Landry, Dallas, V, VI, X, XII, XIII
- 4 Harry (Bud) Grant, Minnesota, IV, VIII, IX, XI
  Chuck Noll, Pittsburgh, IX, X, XIII, XIV

Most games, winning team, coach
- 4 Chuck Noll, Pittsburgh, IX, X, XIII, XIV
- 2 Vince Lombardi, Green Bay, I, II
  Tom Landry, Dallas, VI, XII
  Don Shula, Miami, VII, VIII
  Tom Flores, Oakland, XV; Los Angeles Raiders, XVIII
  Bill Walsh, San Francisco, XVI, XIX

Scoring

Most points, career
- 24 Franco Harris, Pittsburgh, 4 games (4-td)
- 22 Ray Wersching, San Francisco, 2 games (7-pat, 5 fg)

Most points, game
- 18 Roger Craig, San Francisco vs. Miami, XIX (3-td)

Most touchdowns, career
- 4 Franco Harris, Pittsburgh, 4 games (4-r)
- 3 John Stallworth, Pittsburgh, 4 games (3-p)
  Lynn Swann, Pittsburgh, 4 games (3-p)
  Cliff Branch, Oakland-L.A. Raiders, 3 games (3-p)
  Roger Craig, San Francisco, 1 game (1-r, 2-p)

Most touchdowns, game
- 3 Roger Craig, San Francisco vs. Miami, XIX (1-r, 2-p)
- 2 Max McGee, Green Bay vs. Kansas City, I (2-p)
  Elijah Pitts, Green Bay vs. Kansas City, I (2-r)
  Bill Miller, Oakland vs. Green Bay, II (2-p)
  Larry Csonka, Miami vs. Minnesota, VIII (2-r)
  Pete Banaszak, Oakland vs. Minnesota, XI (2-r)
  John Stallworth, Pittsburgh vs. Dallas, XIII (2-p)
  Franco Harris, Pittsburgh vs. Los Angeles, XIV (2-r)
  Cliff Branch, Oakland vs. Philadelphia, XV (2-p)
  Dan Ross, Cincinnati vs. San Francisco, XVI (2-p)
  Marcus Allen, L.A. Raiders vs. Washington, XVIII (2-r)
  Jim McMahon Chicago vs. New England, XX (2-r)

Most points after touchdown, career
- 8 Don Chandler, Green Bay, 2 games (8 att)
  Roy Gerela, Pittsburgh, 3 games (9 att)
  Chris Bahr, Oakland-L.A. Raiders, 2 games (8 att)
- 7 Ray Wersching, San Francisco, 2 games (7 att)

Most points after touchdown, game
- 5 Don Chandler, Green Bay vs. Kansas City, I (5 att)
  Roy Gerela, Pittsburgh vs. Dallas, XIII (5 att)
  Chris Bahr, L.A. Raiders vs. Washington, XVIII (5 att)
  Ray Wersching, San Francisco vs. Miami, XIX (5 att)
  Kevin Butler, Chicago vs. New England, XX (5 att)

Most field goals attempted, career
- 7 Roy Gerela, Pittsburgh, 3 games
- 6 Jim Turner, N.Y. Jets-Denver, 2 games

Most field goals attempted, game
- 5 Jim Turner, N.Y. Jets vs. Baltimore, III
  Efren Herrera, Dallas vs. Denver, XII

Most field goals, career
- 5 Ray Wersching, San Francisco, 2 games (5 att)
- 4 Don Chandler, Green Bay, 2 games (4 att)
  Jim Turner, N.Y. Jets-Denver, 2 games (6 att)
  Uwe von Schamann, Miami, 2 games (4 att)

Most field goals, game
- 4 Don Chandler, Green Bay vs. Oakland, II
  Ray Wersching, San Francisco vs. Cincinnati, XVI

Longest field goal
- 48 Jan Stenerud, Kansas City vs. Minnesota, IV

Most safeties, game
- 1 Dwight White, Pittsburgh vs. Minnesota, IX
  Reggie Harrison, Pittsburgh vs. Dallas, X
  Henry Waechter, Chicago vs. New England, XX

Rushing

Most attempts, career
- 101 Franco Harris, Pittsburgh, 4 games
- 64 John Riggins, Washington, 2 games

Most attempts, game
- 38 John Riggins, Washington vs. Miami, XVII

Most yards gained, career
- 354 Franco Harris, Pittsburgh, 4 games
- 297 Larry Csonka, Miami, 3 games

Most yards gained, game
- 191 Marcus Allen, L.A. Raiders vs. Washington, XVIII

Longest run from scrimmage
- 74 Marcus Allen, L.A. Raiders vs. Washington, XVIII (TD)

Highest average gain, career (20 attempts)
- 9.6 Marcus Allen, L.A. Raiders, 1 game (20-191)
- 5.3 Walt Garrison, Dallas, 2 games (26-139)

Highest average gain, game (10 attempts)
- 10.5 Tom Matte, Baltimore vs. N.Y. Jets, III (11-116)

Most touchdowns, career
- 4 Franco Harris, Pittsburgh, 4 games
- 2 Elijah Pitts, Green Bay, 1 game
  Jim Kiick, Miami, 3 games
  Larry Csonka, Miami, 3 games
  Pete Banaszak, Oakland, 2 games
  Marcus Allen, Los Angeles Raiders, 1 game
  John Riggins, Washington, 2 games
  Jim McMahon, Chicago, 1 game

Most touchdowns, game
- 2 Elijah Pitts, Green Bay vs. Kansas City, I
  Larry Csonka, Miami vs. Minnesota, VIII
  Pete Banaszak, Oakland vs. Minnesota, XI
  Franco Harris, Pittsburgh vs. Los Angeles, XIV
  Marcus Allen, L.A. Raiders vs. Washington, XVIII
  Jim McMahon, Chicago vs. New England, XX

Passing

Most attempts, career
- 98 Roger Staubach, Dallas, 4 games
- 89 Fran Tarkenton, Minnesota, 3 games

Most attempts, game
- 50 Dan Marino, Miami vs. San Francisco, XIX

Most completions, career
- 61 Roger Staubach, Dallas, 4 games
- 49 Terry Bradshaw, Pittsburgh, 4 games

Most completions, game
- 29 Dan Marino, Miami vs. San Francisco, XIX

Highest completion percentage, career (40 attempts)
- 66.7 Joe Montana, San Francisco, 2 games (57-38)
- 63.6 Len Dawson, Kansas City, 2 games (44-28)

Highest completion percentage, game (20 attempts)
- 73.5 Ken Anderson, Cincinnati vs. San Francisco, XVI (34-25)

Most yards gained, career
- 932 Terry Bradshaw, Pittsburgh, 4 games
- 734 Roger Staubach, Dallas, 4 games

Most yards gained, game
- 331 Joe Montana, San Francisco vs. Miami, XIX

Longest completion
- 80 Jim Plunkett (to King), Oakland vs. Philadelphia, XV (TD)

Highest average gain, career (40 attempts)
- 11.10 Terry Bradshaw, Pittsburgh, 4 games (84-932)
- 9.62 Bart Starr, Green Bay, 2 games (47-452)

Highest average gain, game (20 attempts)
- 14.71 Terry Bradshaw, Pittsburgh vs. L.A. Rams, XIV (21-309)

Most touchdown passes, career
- 9 Terry Bradshaw, Pittsburgh, 4 games
- 8 Roger Staubach, Dallas, 4 games

Most touchdown passes, game
- 4 Terry Bradshaw, Pittsburgh vs. Dallas, XIII

Lowest pecentage, passes had intercepted, career (40 attempts)
- 0.00 Joe Montana, San Francisco, 2 games (57-0)
  Jim Plunkett, Oakland-L.A. Raiders, 2 games (46-0)
- 2.13 Bart Starr, Green Bay, 2 games (47-1)

Most attempts, without interception, game
- 35 Joe Montana, San Francisco vs. Miami, XIX

Most interceptions, career
- 7 Craig Morton, Dallas-Denver, 2 games
- 6 Fran Tarkenton, Minnesota, 3 games

Most interceptions, game
- 4 Craig Morton, Denver vs. Dallas, XII

Pass Receptions

Most receptions, career
- 16 Lynn Swann, Pittsburgh, 4 games
- 15 Chuck Foreman, Minnesota, 3 games

Most receptions, game
- 11 Dan Ross, Cincinnati vs. San Francisco, XVI

Most yards gained, career
- 364 Lynn Swann, Pittsburgh, 4 games
- 268 John Stallworth, Pittsburgh, 4 games

Most yards gained, game
- 161 Lynn Swann, Pittsburgh vs. Dallas, X

Longest reception
- 80 Kenny King (from Plunkett), Oakland vs. Philadelphia, XV (TD)

Highest average gain, career (8 receptions)
- 24.4 John Stallworth, Pittsburgh, 4 games (11-268)
- 22.8 Lynn Swann, Pittsburgh, 4 games (16-364)

Highest average gain, game (3 receptions)
- 40.3 John Stallworth, Pittsburgh vs. Los Angeles, XIV (3-121)

Most touchdowns, career
- 3 John Stallworth, Pittsburgh, 4 games
  Lynn Swann, Pittsburgh, 4 games
  Cliff Branch, Oakland-L.A. Raiders, 3 games
- 2 Max McGee, Green Bay, 2 games
  Bill Miller, Oakland, 1 game
  Butch Johnson, Dallas, 2 games
  Dan Ross, Cincinnati, 1 game
  Roger Craig, San Francisco, 1 game

Most touchdowns, game
- 2 Max McGee, Green Bay vs. Kansas City, I
  Bill Miller, Oakland vs. Green Bay, II
  John Stallworth, Pittsburgh vs. Dallas, XIII
  Cliff Branch, Oakland vs. Philadelphia, XV
  Dan Ross, Cincinnati vs. San Francisco, XVI
  Roger Craig, San Francisco vs. Miami, XIX

Punting

Most punts, career
- 17 Mike Eischeid, Oakland-Minnesota, 3 games
- 15 Larry Seiple, Miami, 3 games

Most punts, game
- 9 Ron Widby, Dallas vs. Baltimore, V

Longest punt
- 62 Rich Camarillo, New England vs. Chicago, XX

Highest average, career (10 punts)
- 46.5 Jerrel Wilson, Kansas City, 2 games (11-511)
- 41.9 Ray Guy, Oakland-L.A. Raiders, 3 games (14-587)

Highest average, game (4 punts)
- 48.5 Jerrel Wilson, Kansas City vs. Minnesota, IV

Punt Returns

Most punt returns, career
- 6 Willie Wood, Green Bay, 2 games
  Jake Scott, Miami, 3 games
  Theo Bell, Pittsburgh, 2 games
  Mike Nelms, Washington, 1 game
- 5 Dana McLemore, San Francisco, 1 game

Most punt returns, game
- 6 Mike Nelms, Washington vs. Miami., XVII
- 5 Willie Wood, Green Bay vs. Oakland, II
  Dana McLemore, San Francisco vs. Miami, XIX

Most fair catches, game
- 3 Ron Gardin, Baltimore vs. Dallas, V
  Golden Richards, Dallas vs. Pittsburgh, X
  Greg Pruitt, L.A. Raiders vs. Washington, XVIII

Most yards gained, career
- 52 Mike Nelms, Washington, 1 game
- 51 Dana McLemore, San Francisco, 1 game

Most yards gained, game
- 52 Mike Nelms, Washington vs. Miami., XVII

Longest return
- 34 Darrell Green, Washington vs. L.A. Raiders, XVIII

Highest average, career (4 returns)
- 10.8 Neal Colzie, Oakland, 1 game (4-43)
- 10.2 Dana McLemore, San Francisco, 1 game (5-51)

Highest average, game (3 returns)
- 11.3 Lynn Swann, Pittsburgh vs. Minnesota, IX

Most touchdowns, game
- None

SUPER BOWL RECORDS

Kickoff Returns

Most kickoff returns, career
8 Larry Anderson, Pittsburgh, 2 games
Fulton Walker, Miami, 2 games
7 Preston Pearson, Baltimore-Pittsburgh-Dallas, 5 games
Stephen Starring, New England vs. Chicago, 1 game

Most kickoff returns, game
7 Stephen Starring, New England vs. Chicago, XX

Most yards gained, career
283 Fulton Walker, Miami, 2 games
207 Larry Anderson, Pittsburgh, 2 games

Most yards gained, game
190 Fulton Walker, Miami vs. Washington, XVII

Longest return
98 Fulton Walker, Miami vs. Washington, XVII

Highest average, career (4 returns)
35.4 Fulton Walker, Miami, 2 games (8-283)
25.9 Larry Anderson, Pittsburgh, 2 games (8-207)

Highest average, game (3 returns)
47.5 Fulton Walker, Miami vs. Washington, XVII (4-190)

Most touchdowns, game
1 Fulton Walker, Miami vs. Washington, XVII

Interceptions By

Most interceptions by, career
3 Chuck Howley, Dallas, 2 games
Rod Martin, Oakland, 1 game
2 Randy Beverly, N.Y. Jets, 1 game
Jake Scott, Miami, 3 games
Mike Wagner, Pittsburgh, 3 games
Mel Blount, Pittsburgh, 4 games
Eric Wright, San Francisco, 2 games

Most interceptions by, game
3 Rod Martin, Oakland vs. Philadelphia, XV

Most yards gained, career
75 Willie Brown, Oakland, 2 games
63 Chuck Howley, Dallas, 2 games
Jake Scott, Miami, 3 games

Most yards gained, game
75 Willie Brown, Oakland vs. Minnesota, XI

Longest return
75 Willie Brown, Oakland vs. Minnesota, XI (TD)

Most touchdowns, game
1 Herb Adderley, Green Bay vs. Oakland, II
Willie Brown, Oakland vs. Minnesota, XI
Jack Squirek, L.A. Raiders vs. Washington, XVIII
Reggie Phillips, Chicago vs. New England, XX

Fumbles

Most fumbles, career
5 Roger Staubach, Dallas, 4 games
3 Franco Harris, Pittsburgh, 4 games
Terry Bradshaw, Pittsburgh, 4 games

Most fumbles, game
3 Roger Staubach, Dallas vs. Pittsburgh, X

Most fumbles recovered, career
2 Jake Scott, Miami, 3 games (1 own, 1 opp.)
Fran Tarkenton, Minnesota, 3 games (2 own)
Franco Harris, Pittsburgh, 4 games (2 own)
Roger Staubach, Dallas, 4 games (2 own)
Bobby Walden, Pittsburgh, 2 games (2 own)
John Fitzgerald, Dallas, 4 games (2 own)
Randy Hughes, Dallas, 3 games (2 opp)
Butch Johnson, Dallas, 2 games (2 own)
Mike Singletary, Chicago vs. New England, 1 game (2 opp)

Most fumbles recovered, game
2 Jake Scott, Miami vs. Minnesota, VIII (1 own, 1 opp)
Roger Staubach, Dallas vs. Pittsburgh, X (2 own)
Randy Hughes, Dallas vs. Denver, XII (2 opp)
Butch Johnson, Dallas vs. Denver, XII (2 own)
Mike Singletary, Chicago vs. New England, XX (2 opp)

Most yards gained, game
49 Mike Bass, Washington vs. Miami, VII (opp)

Longest return
49 Mike Bass, Washington vs. Miami, VII (TD)

Most touchdowns, game
1 Mike Bass, Washington vs. Miami, VII (opp 49 yds)
Mike Hegman, Dallas vs. Pittsburgh, XIII (opp 37 yds)

Combined Net Yards Gained

Most attempts, career
108 Franco Harris, Pittsburgh, 4 games
66 John Riggins, Washington, 2 games

Most attempts, game
39 John Riggins, Washington vs. Miami, XVII

Most yards gained, career
468 Franco Harris, Pittsburgh, 4 games
391 Lynn Swann, Pittsburgh, 4 games

Most yards gained, game
209 Marcus Allen, L.A. Raiders vs. Washington, XVIII

TEAM RECORDS

Games, Victories, Defeats

Most games
5 Dallas, V, VI, X, XII, XIII
Miami, VI, VII, VIII, XVII, XIX

Most consecutive games
3 Miami, VI, VII, VIII

Most games won
4 Pittsburgh IX, X, XIII, XIV

Most consecutive games won
2 Green Bay, I, II
Miami, VII, VIII
Pittsburgh. IX, X; XIII, XIV

Most games lost
4 Minnesota, IV, VIII, IX, XI

Most consecutive games lost
2 Minnesota, VIII, IX

Scoring

Most points, game
46 Chicago vs. New England, XX

Fewest points, game
3 Miami vs. Dallas, VI

Most points, both teams, game
66 Pittsburgh (35) vs. Dallas (31), XIII

Fewest points, both teams, game
21 Washington (7) vs. Miami (14), VII

Largest margin of victory, game
36 Chicago vs. New England, XX (46-10)

Most points, each half
1st: 28 San Francisco vs. Miami, XIX
2nd: 23 Chicago vs. New England, XX

Most points, each quarter
1st: 14 Miami vs. Minnesota, VIII
Oakland vs. Philadelphia, XV
2nd: 21 San Francisco vs. Miami, XIX
3rd: 21 Chicago vs. New England, XX
4th: 14 Pittsburgh vs. Dallas, X; vs. Dallas, XIII; vs. Los Angeles, XIV
Dallas vs. Pittsburgh, XIII
Cincinnati vs. San Francisco, XVI
Washington vs. Miami, XVII

Most points, both teams, each half
1st: 44 San Francisco (28) vs. Miami (16), XIX
2nd: 31 Dallas (17) vs. Pittsburgh (14), XIII

Most points, both teams, each quarter
1st: 17 Miami (10) vs. San Francisco (7), XIX
2nd: 27 San Francisco (21) vs. Miami (6), XIX
3rd: 21 Chicago (21) vs. New England (0), XX
4th: 28 Dallas (14) vs. Pittsburgh (14), XIII

Most touchdowns, game
5 Green Bay vs. Kansas City, I
Pittsburgh vs. Dallas, XIII
L.A. Raiders vs. Washington, XVIII
San Francisco vs. Miami, XIX
Chicago vs. New England, XX

Fewest touchdowns, game
0 Miami vs. Dallas, VI

Most touchdowns, both teams, game
9 Pittsburgh (5) vs. Dallas (4), XIII

Fewest touchdowns, both teams, game
2 Baltimore (1) vs. N.Y. Jets (1), III

Most points after touchdown, game
5 Green Bay vs. Kansas City, I
Pittsburgh vs. Dallas, XIII
L.A. Raiders vs. Washington, XVIII
San Francisco vs. Miami, XIX
Chicago vs. New England, XX

Most points after touchdown, both teams, game
9 Pittsburgh (5) vs. Dallas (4), XIII

Fewest points after touchdown, both teams, game
2 Baltimore (1) vs. N.Y. Jets (1), III
Baltimore (1) vs. Dallas (1), V
Minnesota (0) vs. Pittsburgh (2), IX

Most field goals attempted, game
5 N.Y. Jets vs. Baltimore, III
Dallas vs. Denver, XII

Most field goals attempted, both teams, game
7 N.Y. Jets (5) vs. Baltimore (2), III

Fewest field goals attempted, both teams, game
1 Minnesota (0) vs. Miami (1), VIII

Most field goals, game
4 Green Bay vs. Oakland, II
San Francisco vs. Cincinnati, XVI

Most field goals, both teams, game
4 Green Bay (4) vs. Oakland (0), II
San Francisco (4) vs. Cincinnati (0), XVI
Miami (3) vs. San Francisco (1), XIX
Chicago (3) vs. New England (1), XX

Fewest field goals, both teams, game
0 Miami vs. Washington, VII
Pittsburgh vs. Minnesota, IX

Most safeties, game
1 Pittsburgh vs. Minnesota, IX; vs. Dallas, X
Chicago vs. New England, XX

Net Yards Gained Rushing and Passing

Most yards gained, game
537 San Francisco vs. Miami, XIX

Fewest yards gained, game
119 Minnesota vs. Pittsburgh, IX

Most yards gained, both teams, game
851 San Francisco (537) vs. Miami (314), XIX

Fewest yards gained, both teams, game
452 Minnesota (119) vs. Pittsburgh (333), IX

Rushing

Most attempts, game
57 Pittsburgh vs. Minnesota, IX

Fewest attempts, game
9 Miami vs. San Francisco, XIX

Most attempts, both teams, game
81 Washington (52) vs. Miami (29), XVII

Fewest attempts, both teams, game
49 Miami (9) vs. San Francisco (40), XIX

Most yards gained, game
276 Washington vs. Miami, XVII

Fewest yards gained, game
7 New England vs. Chicago, XX

Most yards gained, both teams, game
372 Washington (276) vs. Miami (96) XVII

Fewest yards gained, both teams, game
171 Baltimore (69) vs. Dallas (102), V

Highest average gain, game
7.00 L.A. Raiders vs. Washington, XVIII (33-231)

Lowest average gain, game
0.64 New England vs. Chicago, XX (11-7)

Most touchdowns, game
4 Chicago vs. New England, XX

Fewest touchdowns, game
0 By fourteen teams

Most touchdowns, both teams, game
4 Miami (3) vs. Minnesota (1), VIII
Chicago (4) vs. New England (0), XX

Fewest touchdowns, both teams, game
0 Pittsburgh vs. Dallas, X
Oakland, vs. Philadelphia, XV

Passing

Most attempts, game
50 Miami vs. San Francisco, XIX

Fewest attempts, game
7 Miami vs. Minnesota, VIII

Most attempts, both teams, game
85 Miami (50) vs. San Francisco (35), XIX

Fewest attempts, both teams, game
35 Miami (7) vs. Minnesota (28), VIII

Most completions, game
29 Miami vs. San Francisco, XIX

Fewest completions, game
4 Miami vs. Washington, XVII

Most completions, both teams, game
53 Miami (29) vs. San Francisco (24), XIX

Fewest completions, both teams, game
19 Miami (4) vs. Washington (15), XVII

Highest completion percentage, game (20 attempts)
73.5 Cincinnati vs. San Francisco, XVI (34-25)

Lowest completion percentage, game (20 attempts)
32.0 Denver vs. Dallas, XII (25-8)

Most yards gained, game
326 San Francisco vs. Miami, XIX

Fewest yards gained, game
35 Denver vs. Dallas, XII

Most yards gained, both teams, game
615 San Francisco (326) vs. Miami (289), XIX

Fewest yards gained, both teams, game
156 Miami (69) vs. Washington (87), VII

Most times sacked, game
7 Dallas vs. Pittsburgh, X
New England vs. Chicago, XX

Fewest times sacked, game
0 Baltimore vs. N.Y. Jets, III; vs. Dallas, V
Minnesota vs. Pittsburgh, IX
Pittsburgh vs. Los Angeles, XIV
Philadelphia vs. Oakland, XV

Most touchdowns game
4 Pittsburgh vs. Dallas, XIII

Most touchdowns, both teams, game
7 Pittsburgh (4) vs. Dallas (3), XIII

Punting

Most punts, game
9 Dallas vs. Baltimore, V

Fewest punts, game
2 Pittsburgh vs. Los Angeles, XIV

Most punts, both teams, game
15 Washington (8) vs. L.A. Raiders (7), XVIII

Fewest punts, both teams, game
6 Oakland (3) vs. Philadelphia (3), XV

Highest average, game (4 punts)
48.50 Kansas City, IV

Lowest average, game (4 punts)
31.20 Washington, VII

Interceptions by

Most interceptions by, game
4 N.Y. Jets vs. Baltimore, III
Dallas vs. Denver, XII

Most interceptions by, both teams, game
6 Baltimore (3) vs. Dallas (3), V

Most yards gained, game
95 Miami vs. Washington, VII

Most yards gained, both teams, game
95 Miami (95) vs. Washington (0), VII

Most touchdowns, game
1 Green Bay vs. Oakland, II
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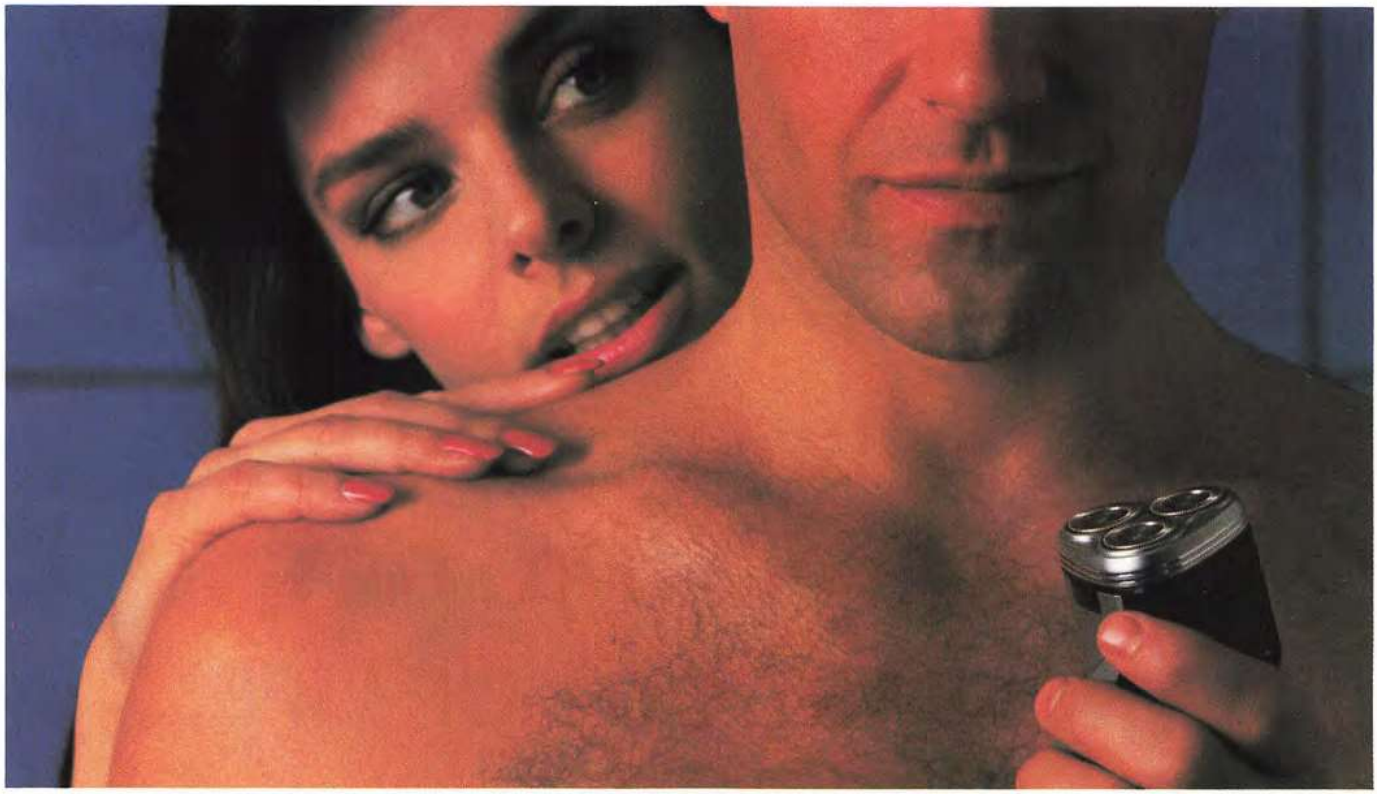

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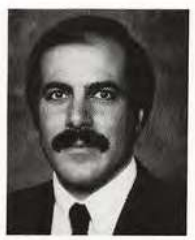

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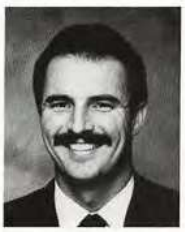

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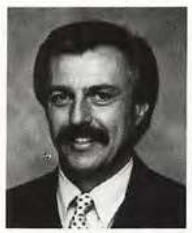

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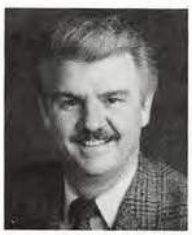

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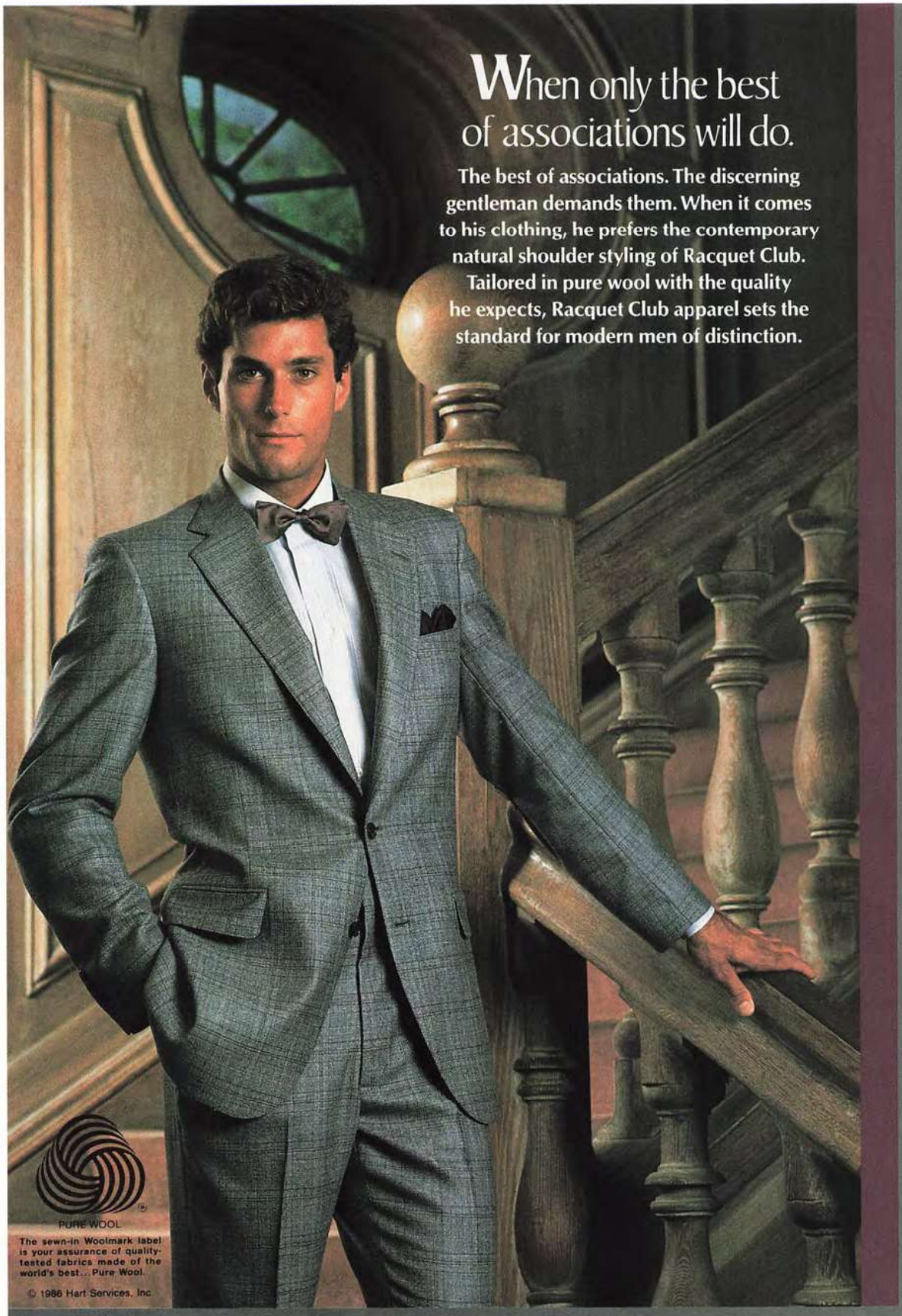
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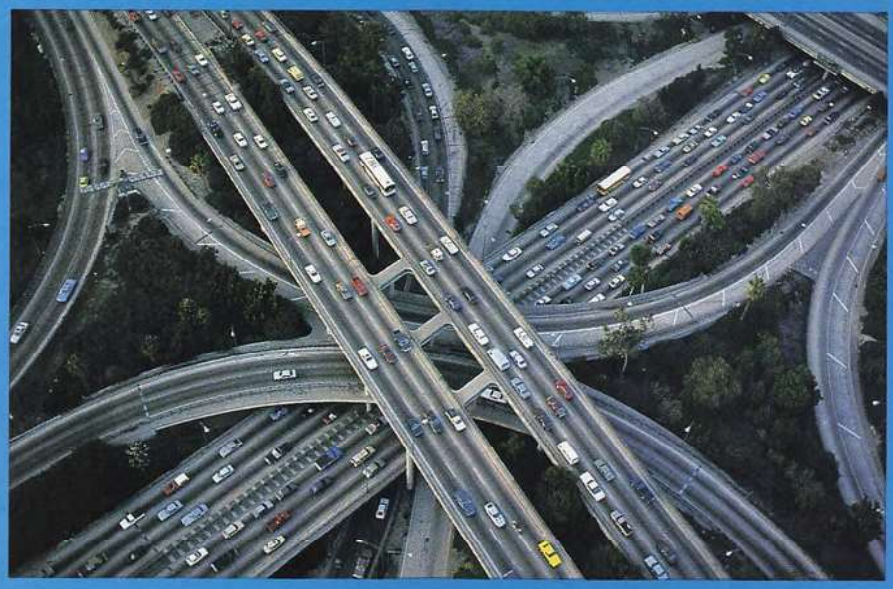

There Are 8.1 Million Stories in the Sunshine County; a Lot of Them Are About Football Players

By Jeff Fellenzer

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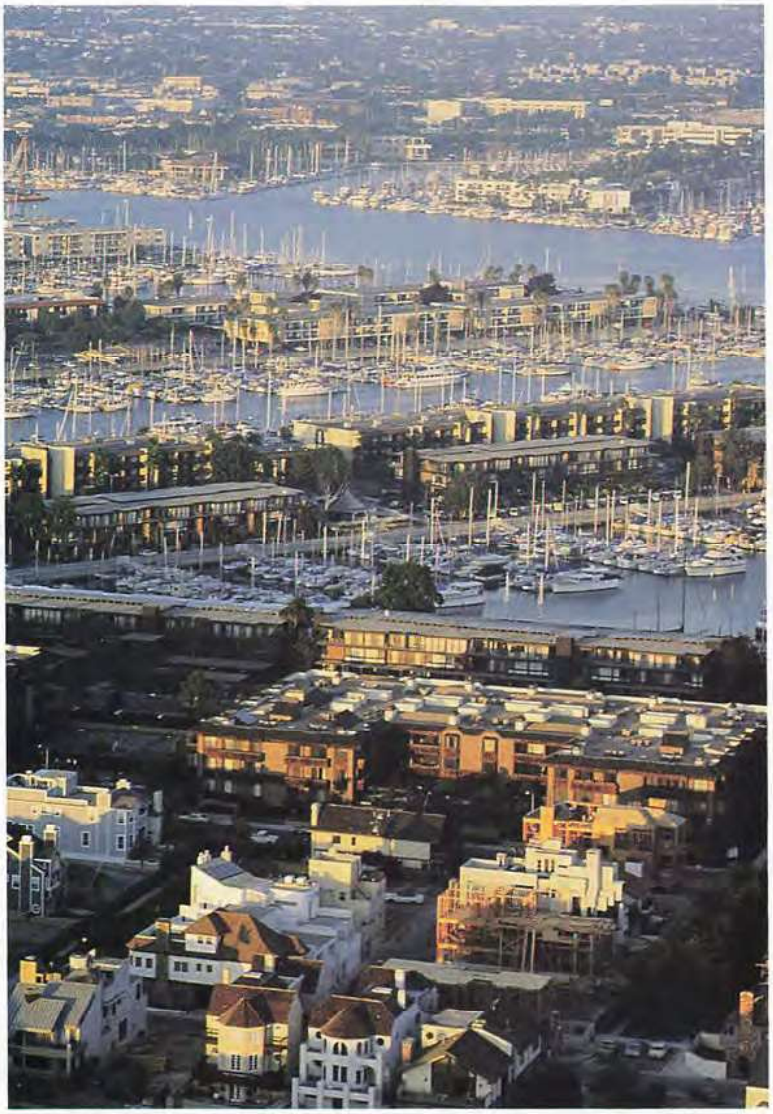
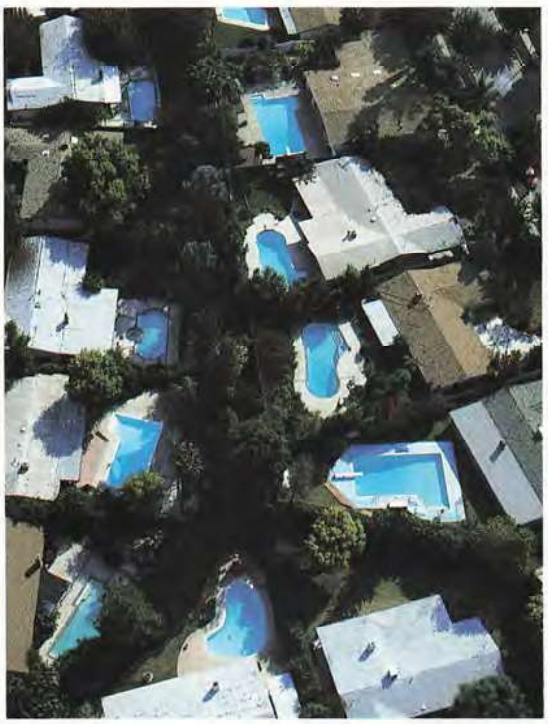
***The hub—and** symbol—of the mobile metropolis is the city's downtown four-level freeway interchange.*





Water comes in all *shapes and sizes in southern California, depending on your tastes, of course. Fashionable Marina del Rey (above), playground to the stars, is the world's largest small-boat harbor. Swimming pools proliferate in the San Fernando Valley (near right), while Santa Monica Beach in the summertime (far right) is a colorful home away from home for sun bathers and surfers.*

It was business as usual at police headquarters in the small Eastern European community. Visitors to this part of the world are required to register with police when they arrive for an overnight stay. It's a routine process, and few, if any, words ever are exchanged. People must wait patiently in line; it's the only choice they have.

The attending clerk, a bespectacled young man, probably in his early 20s, worked grimly. Smiles are as rare to this area as fresh fruit or video recorders.

The mood changed instantly, however, when a visitor from California handed the young man his visa and passport. It was as if a light had been turned on in the young man's heart.

"Los Angeles," he repeated, clearly enraptured, as he confirmed the visitor's home. In halting English, the young man added dreamily: ". . .where the sun is always shining."

It's that perpetual sun that provides an almost mystical allure to a land and a culture that, more than any other, seems to embody the American Dream.

It is a dream of wealth, health, freedom, and power, and is limited only by one's imagination. In southern California, vivid and energetic imaginations fuel the dream.

There is no more dramatic example of a collective dream galvanized into action than the 1984 Summer Olympics, when Los Angeles threw an unprecedented 17-day prime-time party for the world. Throughout the Games, a popular bumper sticker became a civic battle cry: "L.A.'s the Place."

Amid repeated forecasts of impending financial doom and logistical chaos, Los Angeles delivered its dream. . . in a stylish package containing $222 million in net revenue.

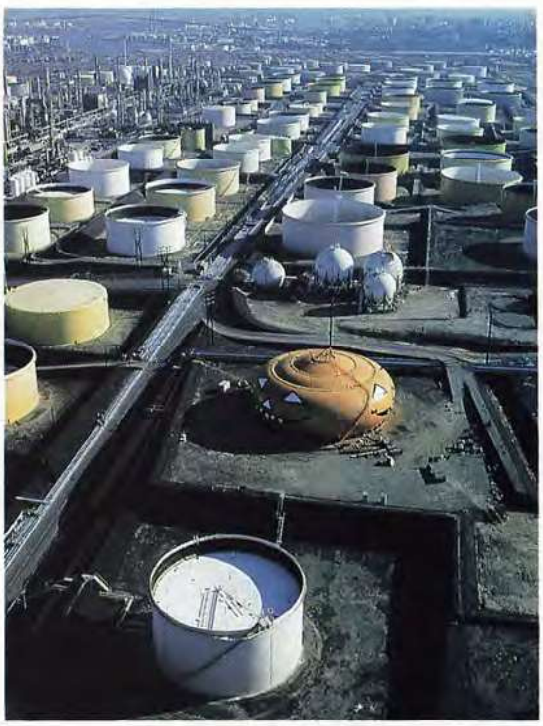
In his book, *Los Angeles: The Architecture of Four Ecologies*, noted architectural critic Reyner Banham wrote, ". . .no city has ever been produced by such an extraordinary mixture of geography, climate, economics, demography, mechanics and culture; nor is it likely that an even remotely similar mixture will ever occur again."

Indeed, that "extraordinary mixture" has touched the world, leaving an imprint as subtle as the San Andreas Fault, whether the subject is politics, motion pictures, jumbo jets, or wine coolers.

The area grows football players, too, enough to stock more than a few competitive NFL teams. After all, what 1987 head coach wouldn't trust a backfield of John Elway (Granada Hills High School), Freeman McNeil (Banning High in Wilmington), and Darrin Nelson (Pius X in Downey)?

Or a group of wide receivers led by James Lofton (Washington), Wesley Walker (Carson), and Stephone Paige (Long Beach Poly)?

Need some blockers? How about Randy Cross (Crespi High in Encino), Bruce Matthews (Arcadia), Max Montoya (La Puente), and Blair Bush (Palos Verdes)?



Welcome to Tinseltown, U.S.A., where stars are made, not born, and everyone's just about to write his first screenplay. The illusions are striking on the movie sets at Universal Studios in Universal City (above). At right, an oversized jack-o'-lantern provides annual Halloween spirit at the Union Oil refinery in Wilmington.

A coach could get his kicks from among Mike Lansford (Arcadia), Ray Wersching (Warren High in Downey), and John Lee (Downey).

Want someone to coach this team? How about Darryl Rogers (Long Beach Jordan) or Jim Mora (University High in Los Angeles)? The front office would be in capable hands with Tex Schramm (Hollywood) and Bobby Beathard (El Segundo).

Six members of the Pro Football Hall of Fame attended Los Angeles-area high schools: Hugh McElhenny (Washington), Bob Waterfield (Van Nuys), Joe Perry (Jordan), Tom Fears (Manual Arts), Ron Mix (Hawthorne), and NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle (Compton).

College football recruiters touching every part of the country have made Los Angeles a mandatory stop on their way to a national championship. Oklahoma won the title in 1985 with a gifted freshman quarterback, Jamelle Holieway, who matriculated east from Banning High. That's the same school that also produced McNeil (UCLA, New York Jets), running back Stanley Wilson (Oklahoma, Cincinnati Bengals), and former Nebraska and Los Angeles Rams quarterback Vince Ferragamo.

So what is it exactly that makes L.A. the place, at least when it comes to raising football thoroughbreds? Shouldn't scouts be wary of a city whose populace regularly consumes large quantities of raw fish and designer yogurt?

"First of all, the area is so large. . .there are so many people," says Beathard, the Washington Redskins' general manager.

How large is large? As of January, 1986, there were 8.1 million people living in Los Angeles County, 3.2 million of whom belonged to the city of L.A. alone.

"Second, it's an area that allows athletes to work on their specialties year round. Other areas don't have that luxury."

Southern California spawned the popular spring and summer passing leagues for high schools. Thus, in a competitive atmosphere, skill-position players—quarterbacks, running backs, receivers, defensive backs—have an opportunity to develop and refine their passing-game talents.

"Climate is important," says Bill Rees, UCLA's recruiting coordinator. "In some regions of the country, kids don't participate in football because of the weather. They might turn to basketball instead.

"Out here, the conditions are good for football all year. In general, there are more kids in southern California with speed, skill, and overall athletic ability. There is an opportunity to develop running skills outdoors, as opposed to some of the northern states. Watch where most of your sprinters are coming from—the South, Texas, and California.

"When was the last time a great sprinter came out of Minnesota?"

Dick Lascola, whose southern California-based

Scouting Evaluation Association serves nearly 100 colleges and universities in every major conference, uses the Los Angeles area as a barometer to measure high school talent across the country.

"I don't know why," Lascola says, "but if it's a great year in southern California, it's usually a great year around the country. And vice versa."

But don't overlook the caliber of high school coaches in Los Angeles, suggests Rams assistant coach Marv Goux, who recruited the area for 26 years while serving as an assistant at USC.

"Those guys really do a great job," Goux says. "In the last twenty or twenty-five years, there have been a lot of really good high school coaches out here.

"They don't get enough credit. These are guys who can spot a nugget in a physical education class, polish him, and then develop him. There are a lot more coaching clinics and summer camps [for high school coaches] these days, too."

Combine a high volume of skilled athletes with good coaching and what you get is another important ingredient in developing young talent, according to Rees.

Competition.

"You've got excellent competition here," says Rees, a Chicago native. "Kids play against good athletes each week. You may not always play against good teams, but you're always playing against good athletes."

These athletes come in all sizes, too. They aren't just pre-packaged as quarterbacks, running backs, or wide receivers. There is size here, too.

One factor that remains consistent is the weather. As a former high school football coach in Ohio, Lascola understands its significance.

"In colder places, the climate has a way of limiting your offense," he says. "In practice you can't

***Southern California** is the cradle of the aerospace manufacturing industry, employing more than 150,000 people. The Space Shuttle was built at the Rockwell International plant in Downey (above), and so was the Apollo spacecraft that made history on July 20, 1969, by putting a man on the moon.*

say, 'We're going to throw the ball forty times this week,' because you don't know what the weather will be like. We had to beat people by running the ball."

Lascola's system grades prospects on a 1-to-4 scale, with 4 being best. There haven't been many 4s over the years from any part of the country, but a few remain clearly etched in Lascola's mind.

Of Elway, who threw for 5,711 yards and 49 touchdowns during a legendary high school career in the San Fernando Valley, Lascola says, "He had everything going for him. He was what every college coach who liked to throw the ball would look for."

Lascola also was high on another Valley quarterback that season, Tom Ramsey, who played for John F. Kennedy, the other high school in Granada Hills. Elway and Ramsey had some memorable shootouts during their prep careers.

"Although he wasn't as heavily recruited, Ramsey was an outstanding prospect," Lascola says. "His misfortune was playing the same year as Elway."

The quarterbacks continued their rivalry in college, Elway at Stanford and Ramsey at UCLA. In fact, they were named Pacific-10 Conference co-players of the year in 1982. Elway was runner-up to Herschel Walker for the Heisman Trophy that season; Ramsey finished seventh in the voting.

Another player who stood out in high school was Banning's McNeil. Remembers Lascola: "He was a kid who had that rare combination of speed and power."

Inevitably, in an area brimming with as many good athletes as Los Angeles, some will get overlooked.

"Traditionally, the biggest beneficiaries in those cases are the junior colleges," Rees says.

Take the case of Paige, for example. At Long Beach Poly, he played behind Andre Tyler, a talented wide receiver who went on to catch passes from Elway at Stanford, then spent two seasons with Tampa Bay. Unwanted, Paige enrolled at Saddleback (Junior) College in Mission Viejo, California. He wound up at Fresno State, but again played a secondary role as a fellow wide receiver named Henry Ellard made headlines. Ellard was a second-round draft choice of the Rams in 1983, and was in the AFC-NFC Pro Bowl a year later.

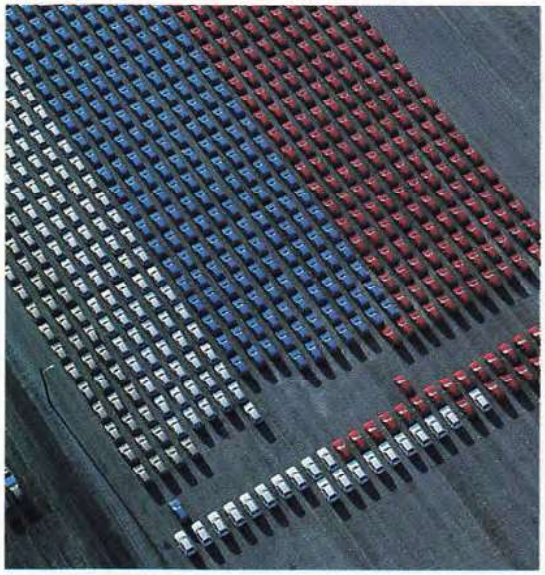
Paige signed quietly with the Kansas City Chiefs as an undrafted free agent. Last season, he stunned the pro football world in the Chiefs' final game against San Diego, when he caught eight passes for an NFL-record 309 yards. His average of 21.9 yards per catch in 1985 was the best in the league among qualifiers.

Hang around high school football fields in L.A. long enough and you'll hear a thousand stories to match Stephone Paige's. Better not stay in one place too long, though; you might miss a kid. For recruiters such as Rees, nirvana is watching the first half of a game at one high school, then racing

down the freeway to catch the second half of another game somewhere else. Hurry, and there may even be time for a double-double cheeseburger, with fries, at one of those ubiquitous hamburger stands, which invariably can be found near a freeway off-ramp.

In the "mobile metropolis," as Reyner Banham refers to Los Angeles, the freeway is as much a part of life as the sun. Writes Banham: ". . . the freeway system in its totality is now a single comprehensible place, a coherent state of mind, a complete way of life, the fourth ecology of the Angeleno."

A perusal of active rosters from the first 20 Super Bowls reveal an unofficial total of more than 60 former high school football players from one of six neighboring sub-areas of Los Angeles County: the Central City, San Fernando Valley, East Los Angeles, Harbor, San Gabriel Valley, and Coast.



High school football tradition is alive in the Boyle Heights area of East Los Angeles, even if the grass sometimes isn't. On this Friday night, the featured game was Jefferson at Roosevelt (above). Simon Rodia's Watts Towers (far left) form a unique monument. Irony in Wilmington (near left): imported cars from Japan create a patriotic swatch of red, white, and blue.

BRIAN DRAKE

Mike Davis

***Opposite: Just a** few long passes from downtown L.A. sits the venerable Memorial Coliseum (center). But for some, the dreams begin at Manual Arts High (foreground).*

The Central City

Mike Davis was 9 years old in the summer of 1965. He lived with his family—father Earl Davis, Sr., and stepmother Binnie, along with three sisters and two brothers—in a pleasant three-bedroom house on Belhaven Street in Watts, a quiet community in South-Central L.A.

In the days of the old Pacific Electric Railroad line that used to connect downtown Los Angeles with its suburban neighbors, Watts was considered a key central junction. But when the freeways came, changing the transportation habits of millions and creating a new social consciousness, Watts was effectively cut off.

Frustration and a sense of hopelessness weighed on the people, who were predominantly black. Then came the anger.

Central City Super Bowl Alumni

VERNON BIEVER

Marv Fleming

JOHN BIEVER

Wendell Tyler

Jimmy Allen, *cornerback*, Los Angeles High (Pittsburgh, IX, X)
Mark Brown, *linebacker*, Inglewood (Miami, XIX)
Robin Cole, *linebacker*, Compton (Pittsburgh, XIII, XIV)
Clarence Davis, *running back*, Washington (Oakland, XI)
Mike Davis, *safety*, Locke (Oakland, XV; Los Angeles Raiders, XVIII)
Vernon Dean, *cornerback*, Los Angeles (Washington, XVII, XVIII)
Marv Fleming, *tight end*, Compton (Green Bay, I, II; Miami, VI, VII, VIII)
Mike Haynes, *cornerback*, Marshall (Los Angeles Raiders, XVIII)
Bernard Jackson, *safety*, Dorsey (Denver, XII)
Roy Jefferson, *wide receiver*, Compton (Baltimore, V; Washington, VII)
Mitch Johnson, *tackle*, Centennial (Compton) (Washington, VII)
Rod Martin, *linebacker*, Hamilton (Oakland, XV; Los Angeles Raiders, XVIII)
Ray May, *linebacker*, Los Angeles (Baltimore, V)
Dwayne O'Steen, *cornerback*, Manual Arts (Los Angeles Rams, XIV; Oakland, XV)
Brig Owens, *safety*, Compton (Washington, VII)
Calvin Peterson, *linebacker*, Los Angeles (Dallas, X)
Mike Richardson, *cornerback*, Compton (Chicago, XX)
Larry Todd, *running back*, Centennial (Compton) (Oakland, II)
Greg Townsend, *defensive end*, Dominguez (Compton) (Los Angeles Raiders, XVIII)
Wendell Tyler, *running back*, Crenshaw (L.A. Rams, XIV; San Francisco, XIX)
John Wilbur, *guard*, Hamilton (Washington, VII)

Davis and his older brother, Earl, Jr., were on a church retreat in Fresno that early August weekend. There were whispers of trouble back home.

"We kept getting these reports that there were race riots," Davis remembers. "We couldn't believe it. To show you what we knew, my brother and I said, 'We better get back and get in the races, too.' We were kids, and all we wanted to do was roast marshmallows and run in the forest."

The kids came home a day earlier than planned. It was early evening on Saturday when the car carrying Davis and his brother exited the Harbor Freeway at Imperial Highway, then headed east toward the neighborhood. What they saw was the Watts Riots.

"It was like a war zone," Davis says. "There was smoke everywhere. . . sirens. . . flashing lights from the fires. Panic swept through the car. People were crying.

"We witnessed the looting, the arrests, the National Guard. There was a lot of action. I saw the wrath."

The wrath lasted for six brutal days, and ended with 34 people dead, 864 injured, and damages estimated at more than $200 million. A community was in shambles. . . and a city was in shock.

Davis was one of the lucky ones. He survived. And when his father talked about getting an education, he listened.

"The decisions you had to make as a kid were tough, and the challenges were tougher," says Davis, who graduated from Locke High School, spent two years at East Los Angeles (Junior) College, then became a star defensive back at Colorado.

A second-round draft choice in 1977, Davis has helped the Raiders to victories in two Super Bowls —XV and XVIII—during a standout career as a strong safety.

The memories of growing up in the heart of the city remain vivid in his mind.

"Gangs were definitely in vogue then," Davis says. "You were constantly challenged. It was like going through a mine field every day. I remember thinking, 'Why do these people need to gang up on one person?'

"I had friends in gangs. As I matured, my eyes opened and I had to make a decision. But it was not a way I wanted to express myself."

Instead, Davis joined a different kind of gang. The boys and girls from Mr. Evans's sixth-grade class at 116th St. Elementary School, the Class of '68, formed a unique bond of friendship. They stayed together through their years at Gompers Junior High and Locke.

They remain close, to this day.

"We had a group of about thirty of us," Davis says. "We lost one guy, in ninth grade, to gang violence. He was totally innocent. . . he just got ambushed. To lose a friend like that really hits you hard, and it woke us up to the realization that there are alternatives."

The group held a reunion on Mother's Day in 1984 at the Davis house on Belhaven Street, where his parents still live.

"It was interesting to see how some of them had changed," Davis says with a laugh. "Some were married, some were looking to be, some were changing careers. The good thing about our friendship is that we don't talk about the past. We talk about life.

"I wouldn't trade my experiences with anyone."

The San Fernando Valley

MANNY RUBIO

Randy Cross

Perhaps no area in southern California has changed as dramatically over the years as the San Fernando Valley. Talk to people who have lived there a while, and they usually shake their head in disbelief.

The area now boasts a growing population of more than one million, encompassing approximately 30 communities. Only six are incorporated; the rest are postal districts that are considered part of Los Angeles.

Immortalized forever by the father-daughter combination of Frank and Moon Unit Zappa in their 1982 hit song, "Valley Girl," the area became identifiable from coast to coast for its rapid-fire, squeaky-pitched teenage lingo.

Kids everywhere, who didn't know where the Washington Monument was, knew all about the Sherman Oaks Galleria, a shopping mall on the corner of Sepulveda and Ventura boulevards that

San Fernando Valley Super Bowl Alumni

DARRYL NORENBERG

Joe Kapp

RUSS REED

John Vella

Guy Benjamin, *quarterback*, Monroe (Sepulveda) (San Francisco, XVI)
Randy Cross, *guard*, Crespi (Encino) (San Francisco, XVI, XIX)
Joe Kapp, *quarterback*, Hart (Newhall) (Minnesota, IV)
Allan Kennedy, *tackle*, El Camino Real (Woodland Hills) (San Francisco, XVI, XIX)
Babe Laufenberg, *quarterback*, Crespi (Encino) (Washington, XVIII)
Odis McKinney, *cornerback*, Reseda (Oakland, XV; L.A. Raiders, XVIII)
Blanchard Montgomery, *linebacker*, Granada Hills (San Francisco, XIX)
Manfred Moore, *running back*, San Fernando (Oakland, XI)
Randy Poltl, *safety*, Alemany (Mission Hills) (Denver, XII)
Tom Ramsey, *quarterback*, Kennedy (Granada Hills) (New England, XX)
John Vella, *tackle*, Notre Dame (Sherman Oaks) (Oakland, XI)

became, like, the most totally *awesome* place to find boys. Or girls.

Elva Meline, the curator of the San Fernando Valley Historical Society in Mission Hills, moved to the Valley in 1940. She's been there ever since.

She remembers the days when multi-storied office buildings were the exception, not the rule.

"There were walnut groves in many parts of Van Nuys, Sherman Oaks, Studio City, and Encino," Meline says. "They were right on Ventura Boulevard.

"You could also find olive trees in the north end of the Valley, where Sylmar is, and there were orange groves and horse ranches everywhere."

Randy Cross also remembers a different San Fernando Valley than the one he sees when he comes home to visit his parents. Cross lives in the San Francisco suburb of Foster City now, having achieved a measure of fame for the past 11 seasons with the San Francisco 49ers. One of the NFL's outstanding offensive linemen, he was a starting guard when the 49ers won Super Bowls XVI and XIX.

"It was such a fun area to grow up in," Cross says of the Valley. "Anything you wanted was close by—the beach, Westwood, downtown. I remember the orange groves and riding bikes up in the hills, when there was no Calabasas. It was a lot different then."

The Cross family, which included Randy and his five sisters and one brother, moved from Brooklyn to Van Nuys when Randy was an infant. They also lived in Pacoima before settling in a three-bedroom, split-level house—with swimming pool—in Tarzana, which still is his parents' home. Randy's father, Dennis Cross, was a character actor who once had the lead role in the old television series "The Blue Angels." He played Tex Richards.

Cross was a highly recruited prep football star at Crespi High, an all-boys school in the fashionable Encino area. For college, he chose UCLA, which was just a short drive south on the San Diego Freeway, through the Sepulveda Pass.

"My father decided that I needed a stricter atmosphere in high school, so he sent me to Crespi," Cross recalls.

Still, Cross and his buddies had no shortage of opportunities for fun. The most popular hangouts

The sprawling, ever-changing San Fernando Valley may not have many horse ranches left, but it does have a burgeoning business community and the Galleria (above, foreground), a vibrant shopping mall and meeting place near the junction of Ventura Boulevard (running perpendicular to the Union Bank building) and the San Diego Freeway (running parallel to the Galleria) in Sherman Oaks. Can't find what you want on any of the three levels? Then you haven't looked hard enough.

were "Mike's Pizza" on Ventura Boulevard, Topanga Plaza shopping center ("The Galleria wasn't there yet; Topanga Plaza was *the* place"), and any one of three movie houses—the Encino Theater, the Corbin Theater in Tarzana, and the La Reina Theater in Sherman Oaks.

Of course, there were plenty of trips to Van Nuys Boulevard, a legendary southern California cruising venue.

"And up there in the hills of Encino, there was never any shortage of kids whose parents had a big house where we could have a party," Cross says.

"But if you were going to go out, someone always had to finagle wheels."

Cross still returns regularly to his roots.

"I get back as often as possible to see my parents, especially now that I have kids," Cross says. "I still have a lot of real good friends in the area."

Cross, 32, who hosts his own radio talk show in San Francisco after Monday night NFL games, and also hosts a weekly review-preview show on KGO-TV in the Bay area, has media aspirations after he retires from football. He admits a return to southern California is a possibility.

"If I had to move down there," he says, "the Valley is where I would want to live."

Below: "I'm very proud to be from East Los Angeles," says Mike Garrett, who grew up there. Opposite: The freight yards dominate a large part of the area landscape and commerce. In the background, the Los Angeles County/USC Medical Center is the largest hospital complex in the nation.

R.H. STAGG

East Los Angeles

Mike Garrett played in a lot of big football games throughout a distinguished career. There was the first Super Bowl, as a member of the upstart AFL Kansas City Chiefs, who were challenging the mighty Green Bay Packers. In college, at USC, there were the annual Hatfield-McCoy struggles against UCLA for the supremacy of Los Angeles, and the Notre Dame game, a matchup that has been called the greatest intersectional rivalry in the country.

Garrett played in them all.

"But there's nothing bigger than Garfield against Roosevelt," says Garrett, still a legend at Roosevelt High.

To a kid who grows up in East Los Angeles, it's the Rose Bowl and Super Bowl rolled into one. It's a night when the gangs call a truce so the game can be played without violence. It's larger than life. Hell, it *is* life.

People in the area call it, simply, "The Classic." It's the oldest high school rivalry in southern California, one that dates back to 1926.

"The Garfield-Roosevelt game was about as close to a Super Bowl as you could get," says Garrett, who scored the Chiefs' first touchdown on a five-yard run in their 23-7 victory over Minnesota in Super Bowl IV.

As a sophomore in 1959, Garrett was Roosevelt's backup quarterback. He played cornerback on defense and, at 5 feet 7 inches and about 165 pounds, was used occasionally as a pass-rushing defensive end because of his quickness.

"I was a great pass rusher, but not much against the run," says Garrett, laughing at the thought. "Deacon Jones would have been envious of the way I could sack quarterbacks."

He did enough damage to help Roosevelt to a 21-7 victory. A year later, Garrett became the starting quarterback. About midway through the season, however, the team ran out of healthy running backs. A future Heisman Trophy winner was born.

Going into the Garfield game that season, Roosevelt was an overwhelming favorite. But the wonderful thing about these kinds of rivalries is no one really can predict how far the emotional tides of young athletes will carry.

Garfield "won" in a startling upset, 7-7.

"I had hurt my ankle a few games before," Garrett says. "I limped the whole game. When they tied us, we heard about it. I was mad. I didn't say anything for a year. The next year I scored six against them."

In the final game of his high school career, before a typical Garfield-Roosevelt capacity crowd of

East Los Angeles Super Bowl Alumni

DICK RAPHAEL

Rich Camarillo

BILL MOUNT

Bob Chandler

MICHAEL ZAGARIS

Jim Vellone

Bill Bain, *tackle*, St. Paul (Santa Fe Springs) (Los Angeles Rams, XIV)
George Buehler, *guard*, Whittier (Oakland, XI)
Rich Camarillo, *punter*, El Rancho (Pico Rivera) (New England, XX)
Bob Chandler, *wide receiver*, Whittier (Oakland, XV)
Dave Dalby, *center*, La Serna (Whittier) (Oakland, XI, XV; L.A. Raiders, XVIII)
Ben Davidson, *defensive end*, Wilson (Oakland, II)
Mike Garrett, *running back*, Roosevelt (Kansas City, I, IV)
Jim Vellone, *guard*, California (Whittier) (Minnesota, IV)
Ray Wersching, *kicker*, Warren (Downey) (San Francisco, XVI, XIX)

Below: Vince Ferragamo first achieved fame at Banning High in Wilmington, then returned home a few years later to lead the Los Angeles Rams into Super Bowl XIV. Opposite: The busy Port of Los Angeles, located in San Pedro, produces more revenue than any other American port. That's a Princess Cruises boat at lower right.

JOHN BIEVER

nearly 20,000 at East Los Angeles College stadium, Garrett ran wild. He scored six touchdowns en route to a smashing 38-10 victory. He had established his legacy.

"If I do nothing for the rest of my life," Garrett says, "they'll remember me for the six touchdowns."

Garrett had come from the tough Maravilla Projects, near the boundary between East L.A. and Montebello. The Garrett family eventually moved to a house in the mostly Hispanic Boyle Heights area, on Merida Street.

A soft-spoken kid, Garrett was something of a loner in the neighborhood. He served as an usher at the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church, which was next door to his house, until he was 18. It was part of the deal he made with his mother so he could play football on Friday nights.

Now 42 and still trim, Garrett got his law degree last year and currently works as a liaison officer handling various labor matters for a construction company in Fontana.

"About a year ago," Garrett says, "I'm at a function and a guy who had gone to Garfield comes up to me and says, 'I remember when we tied you in 1960.'

"It never stops."

Harbor Super Bowl Alumni

MANNY RUBIO

Haven Moses

PAUL JASIENSKI

Ron Yary

TONY TOMSIC

Tony Hill

Tony Caldwell, *linebacker*, Carson (Los Angeles Raiders, XVIII)
Vince Ferragamo, *quarterback*, Banning (Wilmington) (Los Angeles Rams, XIV)
Windlan Hall, *safety*, Gardena (Minnesota, XI)
Tony Hill, *wide receiver*, Long Beach Poly (Dallas, XII, XIII)
Don Horn, *quarterback*, Gardena (Green Bay, II)
Haven Moses, *wide receiver*, San Pedro (Denver, XII)
Jeff Severson, *safety*, Long Beach Wilson (Washington, VII)
Don Shinnick, *linebacker*, San Pedro (Baltimore, III)
Manu Tuiasosopo, *nose tackle*, St. Anthony (Long Beach) (San Francisco, XIX)
Mike Wilson, *wide receiver*, Carson (San Francisco, XVI, XIX)
Tim Wrightman, *tight end*, Mary Star of the Sea (San Pedro) (Chicago, XX)
Ron Yary, *tackle*, Bellflower (Minnesota, IV, VIII, IX, XI)

The Harbor

Vince Ferragamo calls the harbor area of Los Angeles, which stretches from San Pedro south through Wilmington, Carson, and Long Beach, "a breeding ground for athletes."

Actually, it's a lot more than that.

The Port of Los Angeles, which is headquartered in San Pedro, is the top revenue-producing port in the United States. It's also number one in handling imported cars, with more than 400,000 landing at the docks in 1985.

Just over the adjacent Vincent Thomas and Gerald Desmond bridges, the Port of Long Beach, the other half of the twin harbors and a friendly competitor, handles more general cargo and total tonnage than any other West Coast port. Total cargo value in 1985 amounted to $19.8 billion, due mostly to the crude petroleum, refined products, and other liquid bulk.

Currently under construction in downtown Long Beach is the World Trade Center, a project of some 2.2 million square feet that eventually will provide a variety of international trade-related services.

Clearly, there is more to life in this area than just the Queen Mary and the Spruce Goose.

Take football, for example.

"The competition is outstanding there," says Ferragamo, who quarterbacked Banning High School, in Wilmington, from 1969-1971. "Plus, you've got good coaching, which is real important. High school is the time to find the right position and refine your skills."

It took Ferragamo a while to find the right position. As a youngster playing flag football at places like the Wilmington Recreation Center (better known as "Wilhall") and Scott Park in Carson, Ferragamo started out as a center, hoping to follow in the sizable footsteps of older brothers Chris and Mike. Both had been star centers at Banning and junior college All-Americas at nearby Harbor College.

"When I was in eighth grade, at Wilmington Junior High School, I decided to try quarterback," Ferragamo says. "I wanted to be more a part of the show. The coaches liked the way I threw, so they put me there. And that's where I stayed."

When Ferragamo arrived at Banning for his sophomore year, the varsity had a new head coach, one Vince knew well—Chris Ferragamo, who had been promoted from the "B" level. Banning had been losing, but that would change. In a hurry.

The program cleared a major hurdle in 1970, during Vince's junior year, with a thrilling 35-34

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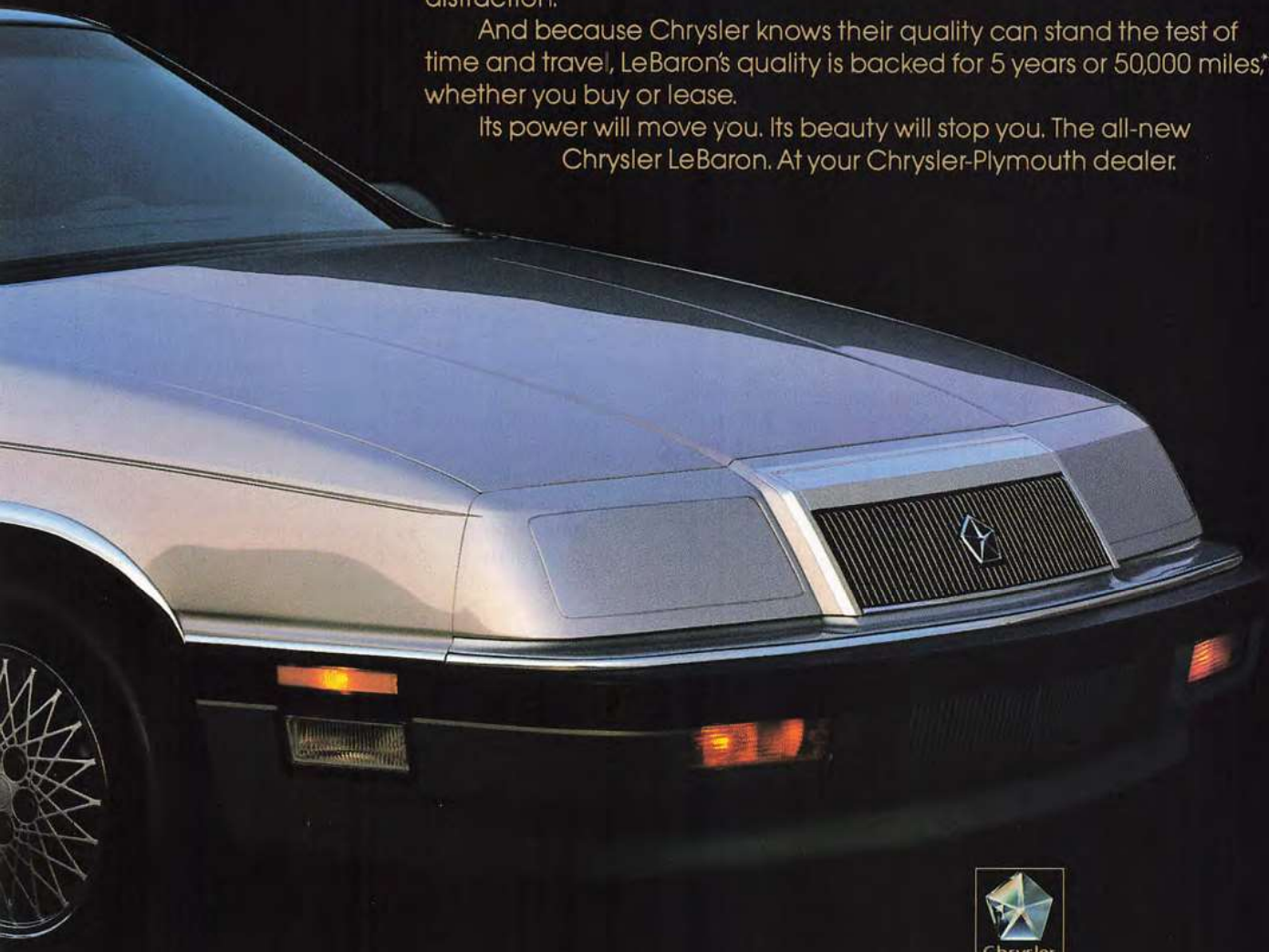

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PETE J. GROH

Max Montoya

FRED KAPLAN

Billy Kilmer

Mario Clark, *cornerback*, Pasadena (San Francisco, XIX)
Efren Herrera, *kicker*, La Puente (Dallas, XII)
Rob Hertel, *quarterback*, Los Altos (Hacienda Heights) (Philadelphia, XV)
Tom Holmoe, *safety*, Crescenta Valley (La Crescenta) (San Francisco, XIX)
Mike Hull, *running back*, Crescenta Valley (La Crescenta) (Washington, VII)
Billy Kilmer, *quarterback*, Citrus (Azusa) (Washington, VII)
Kent Kramer, *tight end*, Temple City (Minnesota, IV)
Milt McColl, *linebacker*, South Hills (Covina) (San Francisco, XVI, XIX)
Fred McNeill, *linebacker*, Baldwin Park (Minnesota, IX, XI)
Claudie Minor, *tackle*, Garey (Pomona) (Denver, XII)
Max Montoya, *guard*, La Puente (Cincinnati, XVI)
Charles Phillips, *safety*, Blair (Pasadena) (Oakland, XI)
John Sciarra, *safety*, Bishop Amat (La Puente) (Philadelphia, XV)
Rod Sherman, *wide receiver*, Muir (Pasadena) (Oakland, II)
Don Warren, *tight end*, Royal Oak (Covina) (Washington, XVII, XVIII)

upset victory over archrival Carson at El Camino (Junior) College.

"There was pandemonium in the stands," recalls Vince, who threw the game-winning touchdown pass to wide receiver Clarence Reece. "It was like the city of Wilmington versus the city of Carson. Banning hadn't beaten Carson in a long time.

"They had an awesome team, unstoppable, really. We couldn't run against them, so we just passed the ball. It's still so vivid. I'll never forget the game."

Ferragamo was involved in more than a few unforgettable games in his football career. He played seven seasons with the Los Angeles Rams (1977-1980, 1982-84), and was the starting quarterback in Super Bowl XIV, at the Rose Bowl, when the Pittsburgh Steelers beat the Rams 31-19. His 509 yards passing against Chicago in 1982 is the third-best single-game mark in National Football League history.

Banning and Carson now dominate high school football in the Los Angeles area. It's almost a foregone conclusion each season that the colorful rivalry, one that captivates the entire harbor area, will be renewed twice each season before crowds close to 20,000—once for the championship of the Pacific League, and the other for the championship of Los Angeles.

In 18 seasons at Banning, Chris Ferragamo has compiled a record of 157-38-4 (.788), including eight Los Angeles city championships. His 1986 team was ranked number one among the nation's high schools by *USA Today* after the final regular-season game.

Ferragamo estimates that as many as 15 players from the 1986 team will receive scholarships to Division I colleges. That's something that makes him feel good for the whole harbor area.

"The people in Wilmington and Carson are hard-working people," Ferragamo says. "There are a lot of longshoremen, policemen, people who work for the oil companies and container companies.

"They work their eight-hour day, then volunteer their time for the community. Kids settle here, have families, and never leave, like myself. It's a great place to live."

The San Gabriel Valley

It's tough to catch Fred McNeill these days. Almost as tough as it used to be getting away from him when he was playing outside linebacker all those years for the Minnesota Vikings.

McNeill and his wife, Tia, own and operate a children's furniture store in Minneapolis. He also spends time tending to his rental property in southern California and his two-year-old son, Frederick. In addition, McNeill is due to graduate from the William Mitchell School of Law in St. Paul in June. He has his eye on trial litigation, preferably within the sports world.

It was early December, and McNeill, who lives in the Minneapolis suburb of Edina, was back home in Baldwin Park on business...and not complaining about the 79-degree temperatures. After all, the predicted high for the Twin Cities the next day was 19, with a low of 5.

That night, McNeill's father, Robert, a local city councilman, was due to be installed as president of the Los Angeles division of the League of California Cities.

It felt good to be back home, in the same house on Millbury Avenue where he and his family, including eight brothers and sisters, had lived after moving from North Carolina in 1964.

Baldwin Park is a relatively quiet suburb in the eastern end of the vast San Gabriel Valley, not far from where the 605 and 10 freeways intersect. About 60,000 people live there now, which is about 15,000 more than when the McNeill family arrived. The San Gabriel Valley itself numbers about a million these days, stretching from Pasa-

dena on the west end to the Pomona Valley, straddling both sides of the San Bernardino Freeway, some 25 miles to the east.

"When I was growing up," McNeill says, "Baldwin Park had somewhat of a bad reputation, with gang violence and that stuff. Since then, the city has had a lot more development, both residential and commercial, and is gaining a better reputation throughout the Valley.

"A lot of people are moving into the area, which is a good sign. There had been a kind of stigma attached to it."

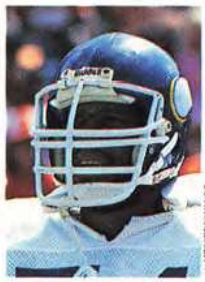
The only stigma attached to the McNeill neighborhood during Fred's youth was that there were plenty of good athletes around. Ron Brown, the Los Angeles Rams' wide receiver who won a gold medal as a sprinter in the 1984 Olympics, lived across the street. Then there were the Allen brothers, Gary and Doug. Gary played two seasons for Dallas (1983-84) after finishing his college career as the leading rusher in University of Hawaii history. Younger brother Doug was a fourth-round draft choice of the New York Jets in 1985 after catching 113 passes and scoring 25 touchdowns during a standout career at Arizona State.

The best brother combination in the neighborhood, however, belonged to the McNeill family: Fred and his older brother Rod. After each starred at Baldwin Park High School, the two became friendly rivals in college when Rod, hopeful of becoming the next O.J. Simpson, chose USC. A year later, faced with the same decision that tests the emotions of so many high school football stars and their families in southern California each year —should it be UCLA or USC—Fred chose UCLA.

"It was a tough decision," McNeill says. "I wanted to play with my brother, but UCLA just appealed to me more.

"It's not too often that you see brothers playing on opposite sides of the field. I had mixed feelings. I wanted him to do well, but I wanted to get him, too. I can remember after the games were over, walking off the field together."

The McNeills played against each other in the NFL, too. Fred was a first-round pick of the Vikings in the 1974 draft. Rod was a fourth-round choice of New Orleans the same season (he had been redshirted a year at USC).



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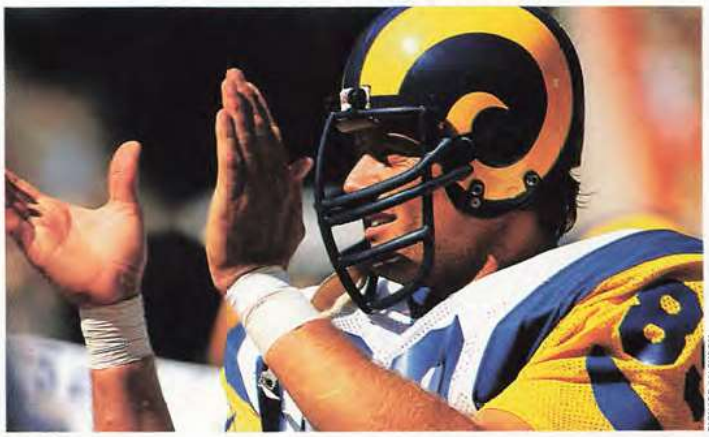
***The 134 and 210** freeways (top) are busy on New Year's Day when they serve as main arteries to the Tournament of Roses Parade and the Rose Bowl. For many kids, such as Fred McNeill (above), who used to come over from Baldwin Park, watching the parade is a yearly ritual.*

Coast Super Bowl Alumni



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Blair Bush

Pete Beathard, *quarterback*, El Segundo (Kansas City, I)
Blair Bush, *center*, Palos Verdes (Cincinnati, XVI)
Mario Celotto, *linebacker*, St. Bernard (Playa del Rey) (Oakland, XV)
Fred Dryer, *defensive end*, Lawndale (Los Angeles Rams, XIV)
Mel Kaufman, *linebacker*, Santa Monica (Washington, XVII, XVIII)
Scott Laidlaw, *running back*, Hawthorne (Dallas, XII, XIII)
Dana McLemore, *cornerback*, Venice (San Francisco, XIX)
Dennis Thurman, *cornerback*, Santa Monica (Dallas, XIII)

Fred McNeill concluded an outstanding 12-year career, all with Minnesota, after the 1985 season. He almost always ranked among the team leaders in tackles. He had exceptional athletic ability.

The Vikings reached the Super Bowl twice during McNeill's tenure, losing 16-6 to Pittsburgh in Game IX (his rookie season) and 32-14 to the Oakland Raiders in Game XI, at the Rose Bowl. In XI, played just a few blocks from where McNeill and his friends often had spent New Year's Eve nights sleeping in cars or on the sidewalk, hoping to secure prime viewing spots for the annual Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, he was directly involved in one of the game's pivotal plays.

It was late in the first quarter of a scoreless tie when McNeill broke through to block Ray Guy's punt at the Oakland 28-yard line. After a wild scramble, McNeill recovered at the 3. Two plays later, however, Vikings running back Brent McClanahan fumbled. The Raiders recovered, then proceeded to drive 90 yards in 12 plays, setting up Errol Mann's 24-yard field goal for a 3-0 lead. They never lost the advantage.

"The whole Super Bowl experience, especially playing at the Rose Bowl, was overwhelming," McNeill says. "The fanfare that goes with it. . .the television. . .the media. . . .

"Everybody wants tickets. Fortunately, I was able to get tickets for all the people that were important to me. I was lucky."

The Coast

Bobby Beathard *looks* like southern California. Bleach-blond hair, blue eyes, impeccable shape, vivacious smile. Now, looks may be deceiving on occasion, but if *this* guy isn't a surfer, then the Beach Boys are a heavy metal band.

What's that, Bobby Beathard turned *50* on January 24? Do the rest of the lifeguards at El Porto Beach know that? Will it affect his seeding on the beach volleyball circuit next summer? Or at the next triathlon? Do you suppose someone should tell his teachers at school?

Fact is, this is Beathard's twenty-second year in the NFL, the last nine as general manager of the Washington Redskins, the same team that cut him when he tried out as a free-agent rookie quarterback in 1959.

Beathard is one of the league's most respected talent scouts. His track record of solid drafts, augmented by numerous free-agent finds, has helped his teams reach the Super Bowl four times, winning three. Besides the Redskins, who won Super Bowl XVII and lost XVIII, Beathard also was associated with Miami, as director of player personnel, when the Dolphins won Games VII and VIII.

Beathard's younger brother, Pete, was a reserve quarterback for the Kansas City Chiefs in the first Super Bowl, and Bobby was a full-time scout for the team.

Growing up in El Segundo, one of a string of beach communities winding along Pacific Coast Highway between Redondo in the South Bay and Malibu to the north, Beathard rarely left the beach. When he did, it usually was to sleep.

"Living there was really an experience," Beathard says with fondness. "The most important things in your life were the weather, the waves, and whether you could get enough guys for a touch football game on the beach."

There never was a shortage of athletes when the regular group of about 15 showed up on the sand at 8th Street in Manhattan Beach to play touch football. Not with the likes of former USC and Los Angeles Rams halfback Jon Arnett around, or the baseball Brett brothers—John, Bobby, Ken, and young George.

"We even had a guy playing named Jack Perlman who was sixty-two," Beathard says. "He was in great shape. We drew the fields with our feet, then we would just choose sides, five on a team, winners keep playing. It was two hands below the waist, with no blocking except on passes.

"Playing against Jon Arnett, the soft sand was the great equalizer. He couldn't make all those quick cuts. In touch football, you don't need size. The name of that game is quickness.

"We used to play all the time. I'll tell you, there were some classic games. It was great, great fun."

When the beach got too crowded, in the summer, Beathard and his buddies did other things.

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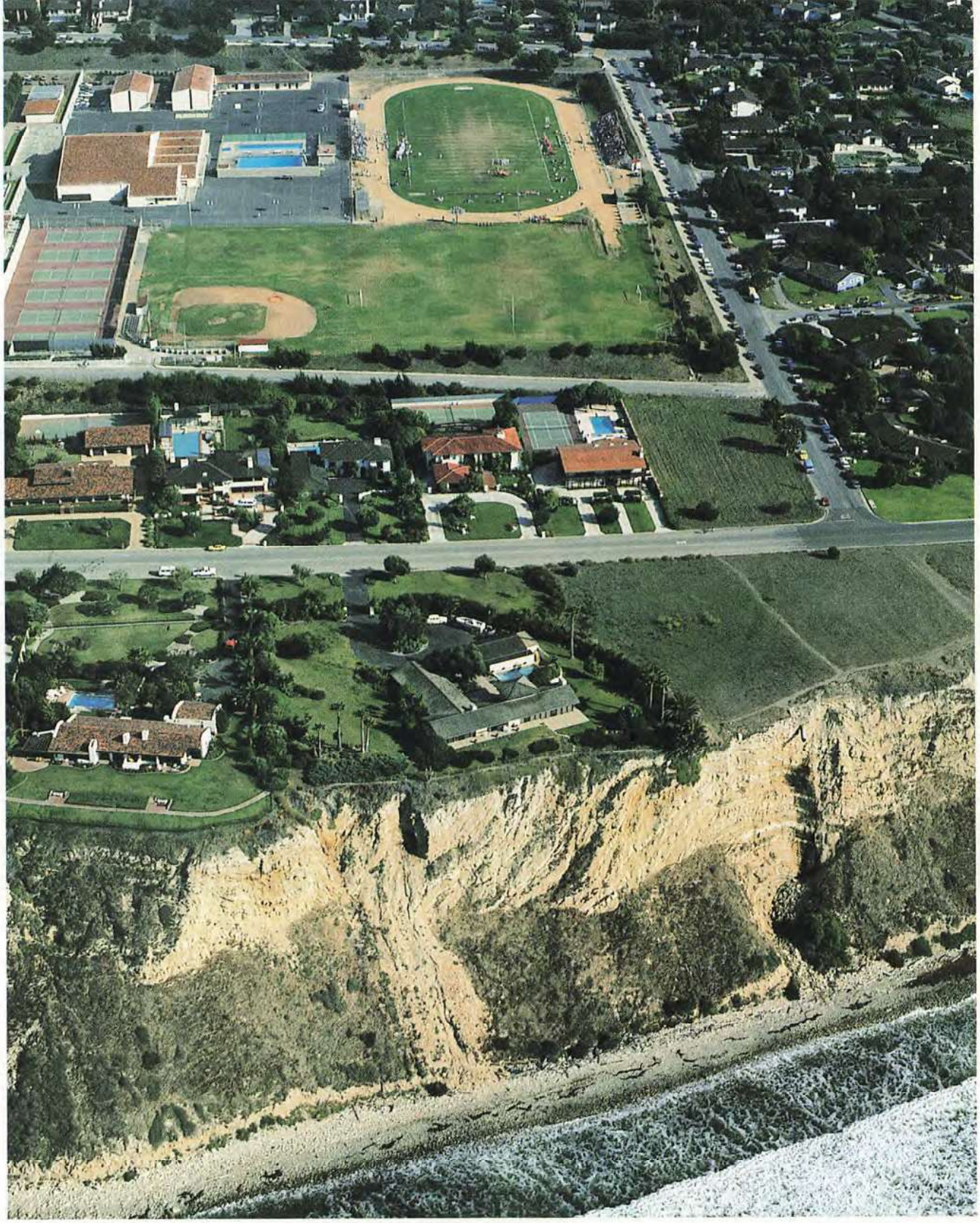
The beach represents a way of life in southern California, to young and old alike. For Bobby Beathard (above), who grew up near the tightly packed dwellings of Manhattan Beach and Hermosa Beach pictured at the top, the surf and sand and sights and sounds had a heart and soul of their own.



***The boundaries of** nature beckoned from the Palos Verdes cliffs on a sunny Friday afternoon when Palos Verdes High played host to rival Leuzinger.*

They played volleyball. They swam. They ran. They surfed, both with boards and without. But they rarely left the beach.

El Segundo was a prominent swimming town then. Under the guidance of coach Urho Saari, the local water polo team provided virtually all of the players for the squad that represented the United States in the 1952 Helsinki Olympics.

Beathard was a competitive swimmer from first grade until he got to high school, when he finally got tired of the relentless workouts.

One thing he never got tired of, however, was surfing. He started at the age of 10.

"The boards weighed a ton then, as much as eighty pounds," Beathard says. "Some of them were made of solid mahogany."

Beathard remembers rubbing boards with many of the great surfers of his time, most of

L.A. TALENT

The Current Crop

Which area of the United States annually produces the richest harvest of football players? The question has been debated often, or at least since helmets were made of leather and the forward pass was associated primarily with courtships.

Talent scouts and recruiters generally have singled out four states for prime consideration: California, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Texas. Lately, in the minds of many, Florida has edged its way into the group.

Following is a list of players from Los Angeles County high schools who spent considerable time on NFL rosters during the 1986 season:

Atlanta—Wendell Cason, *cornerback* (Carson); David Croudip, *cornerback* (Compton); Brett Miller, *tackle* (Glendale).

Chicago—Mike Richardson, *cornerback* (Compton); Tim Wrightman, *tight end* (Mary Star of the Sea, San Pedro).

Cincinnati—David Fulcher, *safety* (Fremont); Joe Kelly, *linebacker* (Jefferson); Max Montoya, *guard* (La Puente); Stanley Wilson, *running back* (Banning, Wilmington).

Dallas—Gordon Banks, *wide receiver* (Loyola); Tony Hill, *wide receiver* (Long Beach Poly); Mike Saxon, *punter* (Arcadia).

Denver—John Elway, *quarterback* (Granada Hills); Clint Sampson, *wide receiver* (Crenshaw); Dennis Smith, *safety* (Santa Monica).

Detroit—Duane Galloway, *cornerback* (Crenshaw); Eric Hipple, *quarterback* (Warren, Downey); Vernon Maxwell, *linebacker* (Verbum Dei).

Green Bay—James Lofton, *wide receiver* (Washington).

Houston—Robert Lyles, *linebacker* (Belmont); Bruce Matthews, *tackle-guard* (Arcadia); Warren Moon, *quarterback* (Hamilton).

Indianapolis—Duane Bickett, *linebacker* (Glendale); Nesby Glasgow, *safety* (Gardena).

Kansas City—Stephone Paige, *wide receiver* (Long Beach Poly).

Los Angeles Raiders—Rod Barksdale, *wide receiver* (track and field only at Compton); James Davis, *cornerback* (Crenshaw); Mike Davis, *safety* (Locke); Mike Haynes, *cornerback* (Marshall); Rod Martin, *linebacker* (Hamilton).

Los Angeles Rams—Ron Brown, *wide receiver* (Baldwin Park); Steve Busick, *linebacker* (Temple City); Charles DeJurnett, *nose tackle* (Crenshaw); Mike Lansford, *kicker* (Arcadia); Mike McDonald, *linebacker-long snapper* (Arcadia); Charles White, *running back* (San Fernando).

Miami—Mark Brown, *linebacker* (Inglewood); James Pruitt, *wide receiver-kick returner* (Jefferson).

Minnesota—Jim Hough, *guard* (La Mirada); David Howard, *linebacker* (Long Beach Poly); Darrin Nelson, *running back* (Pius X, Downey); Gary Zimmerman, *tackle* (Walnut).

New England—Rich Camarillo, *punter* (El Rancho, Pico Rivera); Darryl Haley, *tackle-guard* (Locke); Tom Ramsey, *quarterback* (Kennedy, Granada Hills).

New York Giants—Lionel Manuel, *wide receiver* (Bassett, La Puente); Solomon Miller, *wide receiver* (Carson); Herb Welch, *cornerback-safety* (Warren, Downey).

New York Jets—Johnny Lynn, *cornerback* (Muir, Pasadena); Freeman McNeil, *running back* (Banning, Wilmington); Wesley Walker, *wide receiver* (Carson).

Philadelphia—Byron Darby, *defensive end-tight end* (Inglewood).

Pittsburgh—Robin Cole, *linebacker* (Compton).

St. Louis—John Lee, *kicker* (Downey); Dennis Thurman, *safety* (Santa Monica).

San Francisco—Randy Cross, *guard* (Crespi, Encino); Tom Holmoe, *safety* (Crescenta Valley, La Crescenta); Milt McColl, *linebacker* (South Hills, Covina); Manu Tuiasosopo, *nose tackle* (St. Anthony, Long Beach); Wendell Tyler, *running back* (Crenshaw); Ray Wersching, *kicker* (Warren, Downey); Mike Wilson, *wide receiver* (Carson).

Seattle—Blair Bush, *center* (Palos Verdes); Danny Greene, *wide receiver* (Compton); Randall Morris, *running back* (Long Beach Poly).

Tampa Bay—Phil Freeman, *wide receiver* (Santa Monica); David Williams, *wide receiver* (Serra, Gardena).

Washington—Vernon Dean, *cornerback* (Los Angeles); Mel Kaufman, *linebacker* (Santa Monica); Jay Schroeder, *quarterback* (Palisades, Pacific Palisades); Don Warren, *tight end* (Royal Oak, Covina).

whom hung out in the El Segundo-Manhattan Beach area. Guys such as Greg Noll. . . Dewey Webber. . . Dale Velzy. . . Hap Jacobs. . . Tubby Harlow.

To this day, Beathard still owns a surfboard. Not surprisingly, he also owns a beachfront house, in Leucadia, a sleepy little hamlet about 25 miles north of San Diego. There's good surfing not far away, at San Onofre.

For about a month each summer, Beathard becomes a kid again.

"I was surfing last summer and I couldn't believe all the old friends I saw," he says. "It's amazing. Most of the guys are still doing the same thing. Some are in real estate, there are a few teachers. But when summer comes. . . .

"Sometimes you sit out there in the water and think, 'Nothing's changed.' " □

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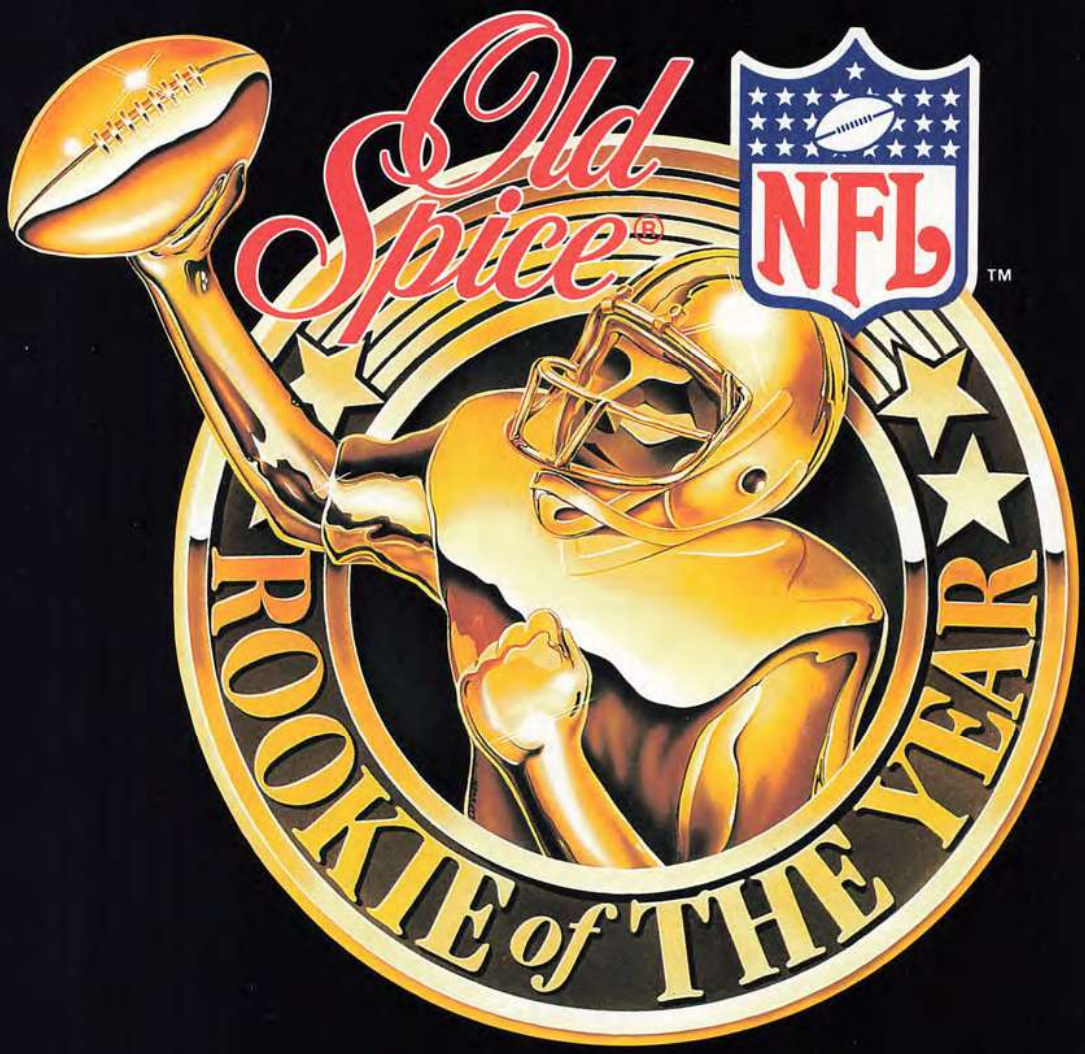

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SOMETHING TO PROVE

Incentive Is the Common Thread in Five Previous Los Angeles-Pasadena Super Bowls

By Kevin Lamb

All Super Bowls consume their players with pressure. Half the country and much of the world are watching. The glare is intense enough to incubate heroes and goats overnight. "No one ever remembers who lost the damn game," says Gene Upshaw, who played for two winners and one loser with the Oakland Raiders. But everyone, it seems, remembers a Super Bowl's blunders, as well as its triumphs.

That's pressure enough. The Los Angeles-area Super Bowls—two in the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum and three in Pasadena's Rose Bowl—have added their own special kind of pressure. The winning teams all dragged the burden of either overwhelming expectations or overbearing doubts.

In Super Bowl I, the 1966 Green Bay Packers were playing for the pride of their league. They would have been remembered if they had lost. They couldn't have forgotten it.

In Super Bowl VII, the 1972 Miami Dolphins were playing for the NFL's first perfect season in 53 years. More than that, they were playing to redeem their previous Super Bowl loss and to validate their still-disparaged junior-league status.

In Super Bowl XI, the 1976 Oakland Raiders were playing to erase the tag of perpetual bridesmaids. So were the Minnesota Vikings, who only deepened that brand with a fourth Super Bowl defeat.

In Super Bowl XIV, the 1979 Pittsburgh Steelers were heavy favorites to defeat the vastly underestimated Los Angeles Rams. The Steelers made history with their fourth Super Bowl victory, barely avoiding a shocking upset.

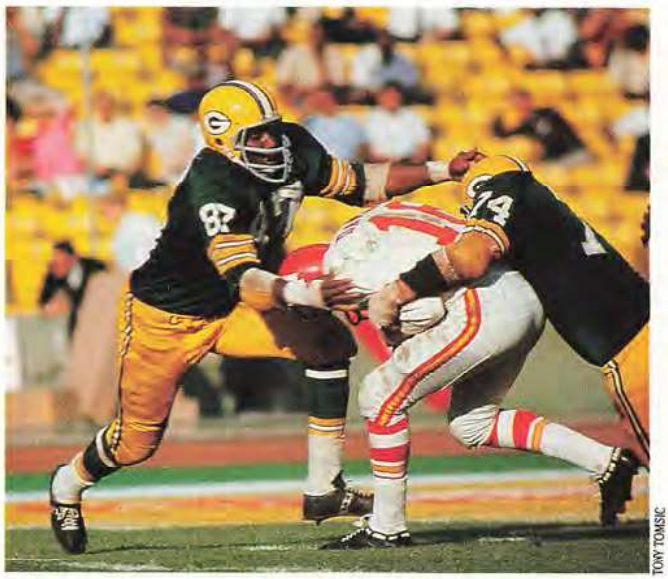
In Super Bowl XVII, the 1982 Washington Redskins were playing for an asterisk-free place in history. They had come out of a strike-marred season to win the NFC championship, and they proved they had won it on merit.

The last four L.A.-area games are the only Super Bowls to draw more than 90,000 spectators. The three Rose Bowl crowds surpassed 103,000.

"The Super Bowl is an event," says Upshaw, now the NFL Players Association's executive director. "It's something people want to go to. Like the Kentucky Derby. A lot of people who can't go when it's played in stadiums that seat seventy or eighty thousand can go when it's in the Rose Bowl."

It started in Los Angeles in the Coliseum. "It was big then, but I don't think any of us realized we were on the front end of something that would turn into such a spectacle," says Willie Davis, the Packers' former defensive end, who will toss the ceremonial coin before today's game, 20 years after the first one.

Willie Davis (87) and the Packers carried the pressure of the prestige of the NFL to victory over Kansas City.



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I: Packers 35, Chiefs 10

The first one was billed as the AFL-NFL World Championship Game. Nobody called it that, of course. It was the Super Bowl. Period. No Roman numeral. The name had been suggested by Lamar Hunt, the AFL's founder and the Kansas City Chiefs' owner, inspired by his daughter's high-bouncing, well-marketed toy Super Ball. But this, more than any of the Super Bowls that followed, was the AFL-NFL Championship Game. The Chiefs and the Green Bay Packers were representing their leagues.

They were David and Goliath. Under coach Hank Stram, David's 11-2-1 Chiefs had dared to be different with their zone defenses, their I-formation offenses, and the exuberant bravado of an upstart league in its seventh season. Goliath's 12-

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2 Packers dripped with the tradition and dominance that befit their 47-year-old league. Coach Vince Lombardi already had forged his legend with teams that did the same things everyone else did, only better. The Packers' 1966 NFL championship was their fourth in six years.

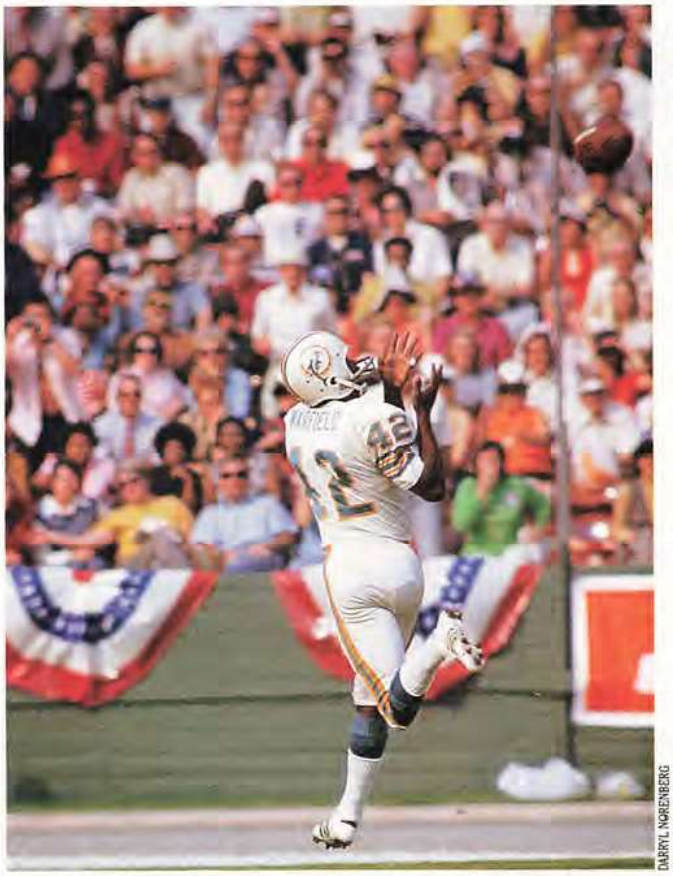
But those championships wouldn't mean as much if the NFL lost. "From that standpoint, the game probably had as much pressure as any I've played in," Davis says.

"It was the first time, maybe other than for all-star games, when you had the sense that players from other teams were on your side. It was probably the game that bothered Lombardi more than any other game."

Most weeks, Davis says, Lombardi would ride the team to peak preparation and put away the whip. "There'd be a time when he would relax and joke around or be philosophical," Davis says. "That week, he was raw all week. As raw as I ever saw him. It was Serious Time."

The Packers had everything to lose. A year earlier, few people would have dared suggest the AFL's best could stay with the NFL's best beyond the coin toss. The NFL looked at its rivals as outlaws and laughingstocks. But the laughter had faded abruptly to horror that summer when AFL owners —directed by new commissioner Al Davis— instigated bidding wars for top NFL players. To stop the madness, the NFL agreed to merge the leagues, to adopt the renegades and even to give the new league's champions a shot at usurping the NFL's position as champions of the world.

What if it actually happened? What if the Packers lost? Would other NFL players ever forgive them?



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For Paul Warfield and the Dolphins, the victory over Washington set them apart historically in pro football.

The Packers talked together about what was at stake as the game approached. They had more time than usual. To increase interest in the game, the leagues scheduled two weeks between the league championship games and the Super Bowl.

"When you wait so long," Davis says, "you go through a lot of mental processes, thinking about what could be. And also thinking about what could *not* be. That has a way of giving you some anxious moments and sleepless nights.

"By the time we took the field, we had dealt with every question about the damage, lost pride, lost image, lost tradition, and lost everything else if we were to lose the game. It was almost a game we had to keep from losing as much as try to win."

The Packers played that way for the first half. They took their opponent seriously. They knew the Chiefs were loaded with former All-Americas. "Their roster was almost a Who's Who," Davis says. Lombardi had warned them not to give up a cheap touchdown, or the Chiefs might start believing that themselves.

"I think that's why we played so conservatively in the first half," Davis says. "We didn't want to make a mistake."

At halftime, the Packers led only 14-10. People around the nation were thinking the unthinkable while Lombardi was speaking the unforgettable. Davis says Lombardi's speech "made everybody say, 'You're right, Coach.' He said, 'Gentlemen, you've played thirty minutes adjusting to the Kansas City Chiefs. Now you need to play thirty minutes the way you can play and let the Chiefs adjust to you.' "

The game is best remembered for Max McGee, who had stayed out all night until 7:30 A.M. because he didn't expect to play. When Boyd Dowler was hurt early, McGee entered the game. He caught seven passes for 138 yards and two touchdowns. But, as Davis recalls, "It was our defense that turned the game around."

"We felt good we'd been able to do it," Davis says. "But we also felt like, well, we were *supposed* to do it. I guess after all that pressure, I was more relieved than excited."

VII: Dolphins 14, Redskins 7

The perfect record never was all that important to the 1972 Dolphins. "It was just something that happened," says Hall of Fame enshrinee Paul Warfield, Miami's all-pro wide receiver then and the Cleveland Browns' player relations director now. "We were so totally focused on one goal, we never really stopped to think about what was happening."

The one goal was winning the Super Bowl. If the Dolphins hadn't done that, a 16-1 season would have been judged a failure. The pressure of making one game bigger than 16 increased the Dolphins' resolve. "We were never so prepared for a game as we were for that one," Warfield says.

They knew how history treated Super Bowl losers. They had been there the year

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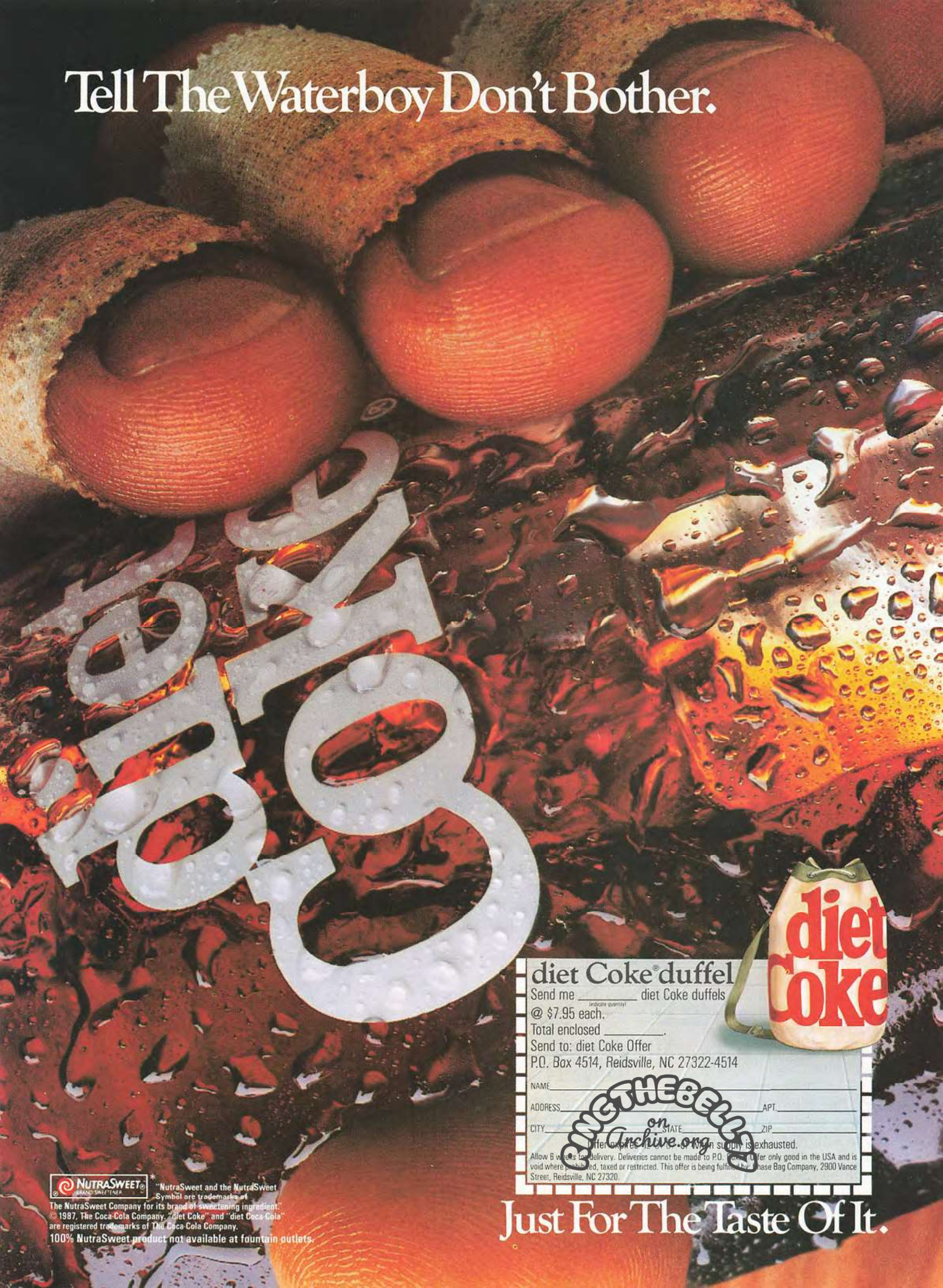

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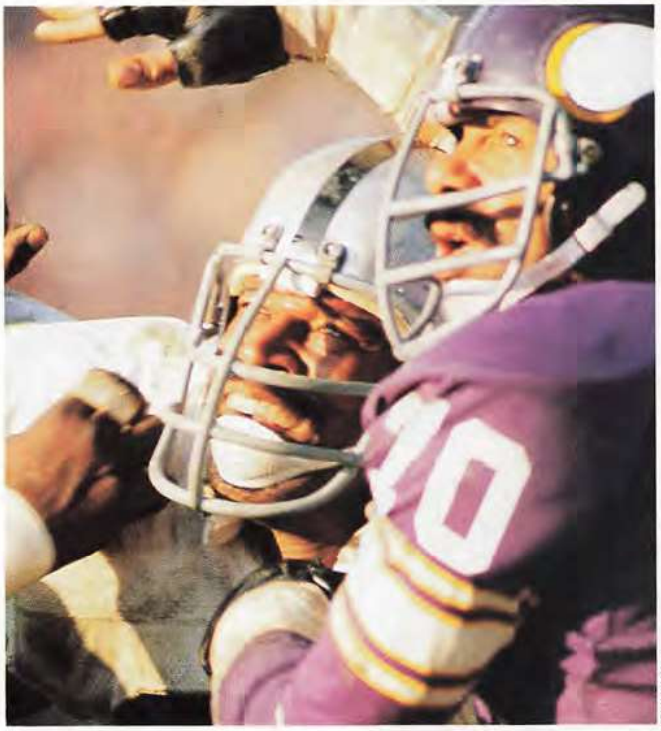

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Gene Upshaw (left) and the rest of the Oakland Raiders were loose and carefree before handling Minnesota.

before, losing to Dallas 24-3.

"The moment a team loses a Super Bowl game," Warfield says, "you're kind of branded. You're a loser."

"The moment we lost that game, and in the ensuing months, we were conscious of it. People saying, 'You're not good enough to play with the Dallas Cowboys.' It was as if they expected you to be humiliated."

Even Miami's 14-0 regular season didn't wipe out the taint. The Dolphins were an AFL team, playing mostly other AFL teams in the new American Football Conference, and, Warfield says, "We were still not considered on a par with the senior league. Our undefeated mark was suspect because of whom we had played."

The Dolphins were three-point underdogs. Washington, 11-3 in the regular season, had allowed just two field goals in two playoff games; Miami's defense was the unsung No-Names. Washington had wily and wizened Billy Kilmer at quarterback; Miami had young Bob Griese, who had missed the last 11 starts because of a broken ankle. "We all felt we had something to prove," Warfield says.

They proved it more thoroughly than the 14-7 final score suggested. The Dolphins had a shutout until the last two minutes, when Garo Yepremian caught his own blocked field-goal attempt, and, as he put it, "almost caused a disaster." Trying to pass, Yepremian let the ball slither away to the Redskins' Mike Bass for a 49-yard touchdown return.

XI: Raiders 32, Vikings 14

When he found out his Super Bowl opponent would be Minnesota, Oakland Raiders guard Gene Upshaw kept thinking about the law of averages. The Vikings were making their fourth try for their first victory. "I figured they were going to beat someone sometime," he says. "I just didn't want them to beat us."

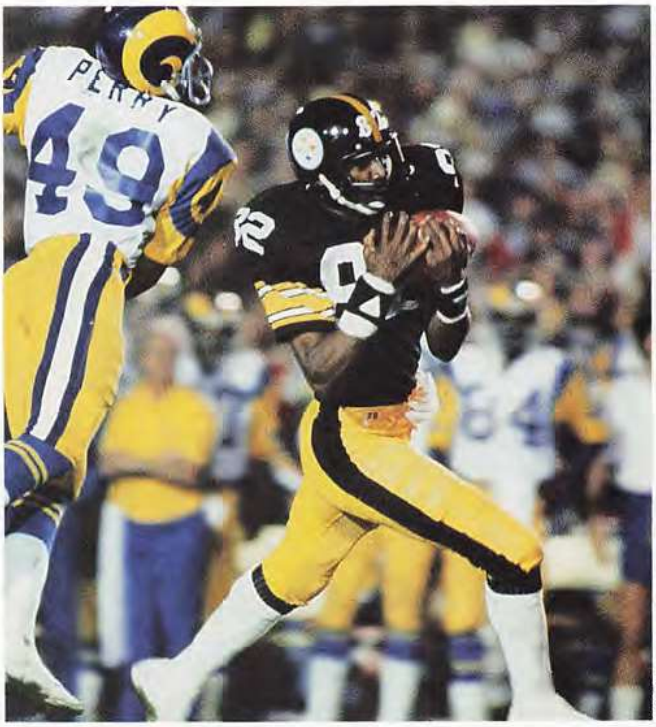
The 1976 Raiders had more than their share of grim memories to fall back on, too. They had played for the AFL or AFC championship in six of the previous eight years. They lost all six. They led in three of them, two in the fourth quarter. . . but they kept losing. "We had lost a ton," Upshaw says. "But once you got past us, you had a helluva chance of winning it." Indeed, all six teams that beat the Raiders went on to win Super Bowls.

Looking back, the 13-1 Raiders and 11-2-1 Vikings approached their similar pressures from different directions. The Vikings reverted almost to a training camp regimen, keeping players busy with meetings, practices, and curfews. "The coaches had their thumb on us constantly," says Alan Page, the defensive tackle opposite Upshaw in an all-pro matchup. "It was an absolute disaster. If you clamp down, you build tension and tightness instead of just letting the players relax and play the game."

The Raiders, on the other hand, were the Raiders. "We never change," Upshaw says. He remembers the day before the game. Al Davis and several other club executives went to watch the Raiders practice. Instead, they saw their charges playing baseball with an old tennis ball. "That was the way we'd done things throughout the year," Upshaw says. "Loose and carefree. You can't play the game until they kick off."

The Vikings got the first big break. A blocked punt gave them the ball at the Raiders' 3. Two plays later, Raiders linebacker Willie Hall recovered Brent McClan-

Overconfidence was the foe John Stallworth and the Pittsburgh Steelers had to overcome against the Rams.



ANDY HAYT

ahan's fumble. In 12 plays, mostly runs, the Raiders bulldozed from their 3 to the Vikings' 7 and kicked a field goal. Two possessions later, Oakland led 16-0.

"When I saw Clarence Davis running us out of our own end, I knew we'd be all right," Upshaw says. Davis never stopped. He gained 137 yards on 16 carries, five for at least 13 yards. Oakland wore down the Vikings' defense in the first half with 48 plays to 22 and 288 yards to 86. The Raiders' 266 total rushing yards set a Super Bowl record. "Our offensive line just knocked people out of the way," Davis said.

XIV: Steelers 31, Rams 19

The game held all the sporting promise of fishing with explosives. The 12-4 Steelers of 1979 were rolling toward their fourth NFL championship in six years. Who was going to stop them? The Rams? The Rams' 9-7 record was the poorest ever for a Super Bowl team. They had outscored their regular-season opponents by 14 points. They had used four different quarterbacks.

"It was a different kind of pressure," says wide receiver John Stallworth, one of three current Steelers with four Super Bowl rings. "We had to sort of guard against overconfidence. The Rams were not a highly touted team."

It may have been the hardest kind of pressure.

That wasn't like the Steelers. They had laughed at the pressure of long odds. The 1974 Steelers were the first team to win their Super Bowl debut against a team that already had been there. That year, Stallworth says, coach Chuck Noll "told us the pressure was not in playing the particular game. The pressure was in getting to the game. That's how we played all four of them."

JOHN BIEVER

Joe Theismann (7) helped take the Redskins from a 1-5 start in 1981 to a Super Bowl triumph one strike-shortened year later.

But the Rams never let up. The lead had changed five times when the Steelers trailed 19-17 early in the fourth quarter. Their last two possessions had ended with interceptions. They had third-and-8 on their own 27.

The play Noll sent to the huddle was 60 Prevent Slot Hook and Go. Bradshaw already had overruled that selection once. It was a new play that week, and the Steelers had not made it work in eight tries during practice.

Cornerback Rod Perry matched Stallworth step for step, but not inch for inch. The pass lofted over the 5-foot 9-inch Perry to the 6-2 Stallworth at the Rams' 34. He ran the rest of the way for a 73-yard touchdown and a 24-19 lead with 12:04 to play.

The Steelers had their fourth Super Bowl ring. "We felt like it was going to last forever," Stallworth says. "No one was going to retire. Mel Blount would always be on the corner. Joe Greene would always be on the line. Jack Lambert and Jack Ham at linebacker. Terry throwing the ball. Swannie and I catching it. Franco running for touchdowns. Everybody was going to play forever."

XVII: Redskins 27, Dolphins 17

A season and a half earlier, the Redskins weren't thinking about Super Bowls any more than a welfare mother wonders how to furnish a yacht. They lost their first five games in 1981. "I was a game away from ending up in another city," quarterback Joe Theismann says now. "To go from that to the Super Bowl in one year is pretty exciting."

The 1982 Redskins got there with the Hogs on the line, the Smurfs on the flanks, and the Fun Bunch dancing in the end zone. They got there with 26 former free agents, 14 of whom hadn't been drafted. They got there with an 8-1 record in the strike-shortened regular season. They had won 14 of 15, counting the playoffs and three games at the end of 1981, but their only victory in 1982 over a team better than 5-4 was in the NFC Championship Game.

"Some players can say it's just another game," Theismann says. "I couldn't do that. I'm an emotional guy. We were definitely an emotional team. It was the culmination of a lifetime dream. For me, the biggest challenge was to try to temper myself."

It helped that the strike wiped out an extra week of preparation time, Theismann says. There was no time for daydreaming.

"Everything is turned up a notch. The excitement, the enthusiasm. It's a high-stakes poker game with no limit. I think you try to temper the excitement, but not temper the enthusiasm."

The Redskins trailed nearly all of the first 50 minutes, but they'd been down before.

Theismann remembers two plays vividly. On the first, with Miami ahead 17-13 and Theismann passing from near his own 10, defensive end Kim Bokamper batted the ball up and had a shot at an interception. "I couldn't find the ball right away," Theismann says. "When I saw it, I saw it was going to land right in his hands. All of a sudden, my feet felt like they were in cement. Finally I got moving and stripped the ball away just as it hit his hands. That would have put the game on ice for them."

The other play was John Riggins's run around left end on fourth-and-one from Miami's 43. When cornerback Don McNeal slipped following Clint Didier in motion, there was no one to stop Riggins. He scored. With 10:01 left, Washington had its first lead, 20-17. □

We walked down a tunnel, flipped a coin, then all hell broke loose. Whoever said it's just a game better take a closer look.

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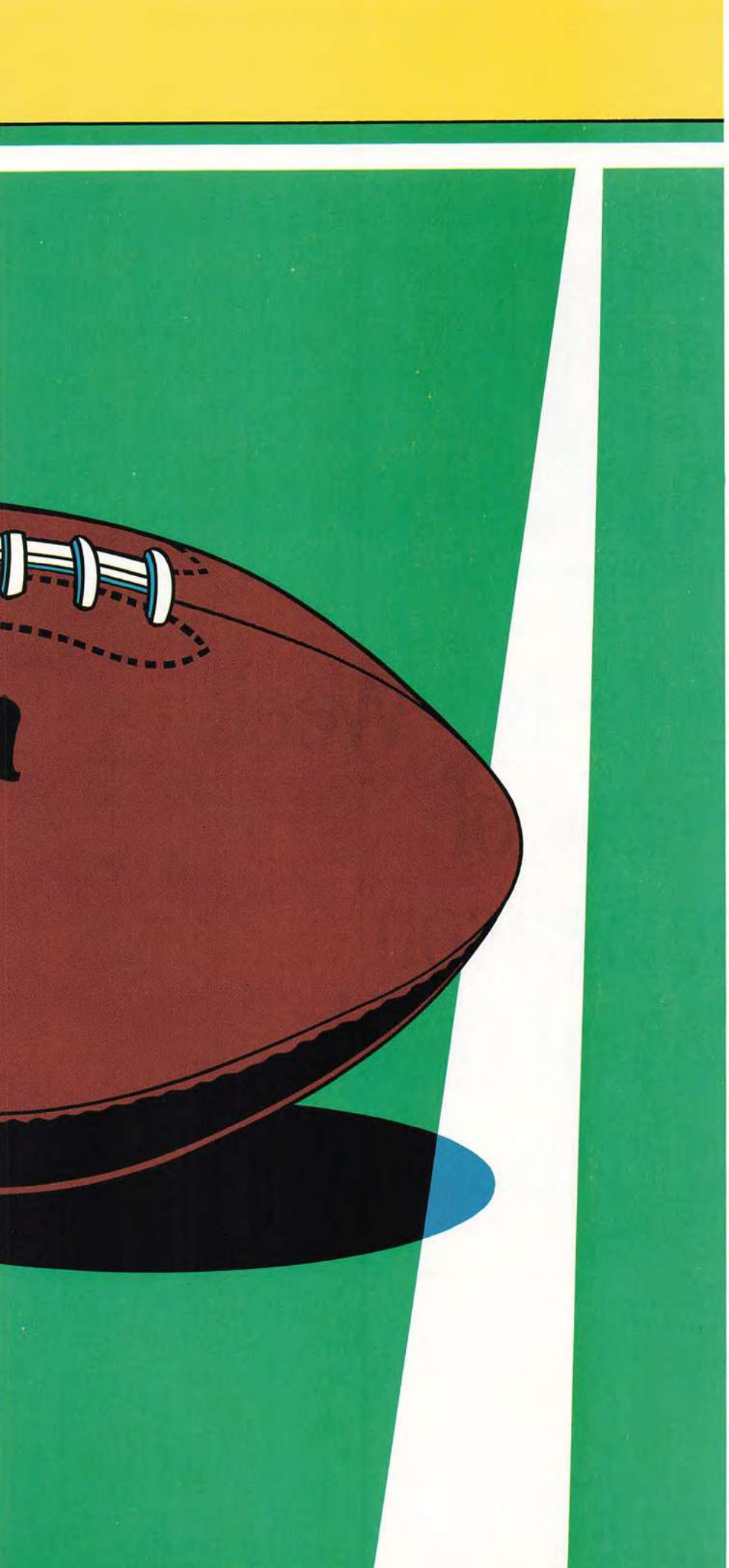

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WEEK 1

September 7

SINCE BEING NAMED head coach of the Philadelphia Eagles, Buddy Ryan had been about as quiet as an active volcano.

The man whose 46 defense demolished the New England Patriots in Super Bowl XX planned to bring some of that Chicago Bears magic to the Eagles...and he wasn't afraid to tell everyone so.

"We will win the division," he said in Philadelphia, as he prepared to take on the highly competitive NFC East.

Score one for the East.

In Buddy's long-awaited coming out party, he and the Eagles were turned upside down by the Washington Redskins, 41-14.

BRIAN DRAKE

Marshall (58) intercepted Kosar's pass and scored.

Ryan was just one of four NFL head coaches making their debuts on opening day. All four lost.

Against the Eagles, Washington's George Rogers ran for 104 yards and a touchdown, and former USFL star Kelvin Bryant, who alternated with Rogers in the Redskins' one-back alignment, dashed 16 yards for one score and caught a 36-yard pass from quarterback Jay Schroeder for another.

In addition, Steve Cox kicked a Washington-record 55-yard field goal as the Redskins gained 433 yards.

"I didn't have the best game mentally," Ryan said afterward. "I made a couple of bad calls and should have known better. But I still think we'll be in the playoffs."

The other new coaches who were treated rudely on the first day of the season were Gene Stallings of St. Louis, a 16-10 loser to the visiting Los Angeles Rams; Minnesota's Jerry Burns, whose team fell to the Detroit Lions 13-10 at the Metrodome; and New Orleans's Jim Mora, a 31-10 loser to the Atlanta Falcons at the Superdome.

Trailing 16-10, Stallings gambled and lost when he sent running back Stump Mitchell up the middle on fourth-and-two from the Rams' 4-yard line with 18 seconds left to play and the Cardinals out of time outs. Mitchell picked up a first down at the 1, but the clock expired before St. Louis could run another play.

"I thought they stopped the clock on first downs to reset the chains," Stallings said.

In college football, yes. In the NFL, no.

The Rams, who have lived by the run in the John Robinson era, did it again as Eric Dickerson gained 193 yards on a team-record 38 carries and scored twice. But he also fumbled three times on a drizzly day, losing the third at the Cardinals' 37-yard line to set up the St. Louis drive that almost won the game.

The Lions made a loser of Burns when fullback James Jones pounded out a career-best 174 yards against the Vikings on a team-record-tying 36 carries. He also scored Detroit's only touchdown as the Lions snapped a seven-game road losing streak.

In New Orleans, Mora and

ERIC LARS BAKKE/PHOTO STAFF

Quarterback John Elway responds to the Denver crowd after leading Broncos over the Raiders 38-36 in the opener.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

ROBERT B. SHAVER

AFC offense: Ken O'Brien

GEORGE GOUKOS '87

NFC defense: Dave Butz

AFC OFFENSE—Ken O'Brien, *quarterback, New York Jets*
O'Brien won a passing duel with Buffalo's Jim Kelly as he completed 18 of 25 passes for 318 yards, two touchdowns, and no interceptions in the visiting Jets' 28-24 victory over the Bills. With New York trailing 17-14, O'Brien directed a 64-yard drive for the go-ahead touchdown, then threw a 71-yard scoring pass to Wesley Walker to clinch the victory.

AFC DEFENSE—Billy Ray Smith, *linebacker, San Diego Chargers*
Smith, who was shifted from inside to outside linebacker this year, made 11 tackles, including two sacks of Dan Marino, forced two fumbles, and broke up two passes as San Diego pounded Miami 50-28.

NFC OFFENSE—James Jones, *fullback, Detroit Lions*
Jones tied a Lions record by carrying 36 times for a career-high 174 yards as he led Detroit to a 13-10 victory at Minnesota. He scored the Lions' only touchdown on a two-yard dive and helped Detroit maintain ball possession for nearly 38 minutes.

NFC DEFENSE—Dave Butz, *defensive tackle, Washington Redskins*
Butz got two sacks to lead a fierce Redskins pass rush that sacked Eagles quarterbacks six times in Washington's 41-14 victory over visiting Philadelphia.

WEEK 1

STANDINGS

AFC East	W	L	T
New England	1	0	0
N.Y. Jets	1	0	0
Buffalo	0	1	0
Indianapolis	0	1	0
Miami	0	1	0
AFC Central			
Houston	1	0	0
Cincinnati	0	1	0
Cleveland	0	1	0
Pittsburgh	0	1	0
AFC West			
Denver	1	0	0
Kansas City	1	0	0
San Diego	1	0	0
Seattle	1	0	0
L.A. Raiders	0	1	0

NFC East	W	L	T
Dallas	1	0	0
Washington	1	0	0
N.Y. Giants	0	1	0
Philadelphia	0	1	0
St. Louis	0	1	0
NFC Central			
Chicago	1	0	0
Detroit	1	0	0
Green Bay	0	1	0
Minnesota	0	1	0
Tampa Bay	0	1	0
NFC West			
Atlanta	1	0	0
L.A. Rams	1	0	0
San Francisco	1	0	0
New Orleans	0	1	0

SCORES

AFC
Denver 38, L.A. Raiders 36
Kansas City 24, Cincinnati 14
New England 33, Indianapolis 3
N.Y. Jets 28, Buffalo 24
San Diego 50, Miami 28
Seattle 30, Pittsburgh 0
NFC
Atlanta 31, New Orleans 10
Dallas 31, N.Y. Giants 28
Detroit 13, Minnesota 10
L.A. Rams 16, St. Louis 10
San Francisco 31, Tampa Bay 7
Washington 41, Philadelphia 14
Interconference
Chicago 41, Cleveland 31
Houston 31, Green Bay 3

JON HAYT

Charger Gary Anderson takes the highest road to a touchdown in San Diego's shocking 50-28 victory over Miami.

Fast Start for the Newest Cowboy

ALAN KAYE

Herschel Walker had spent less than a month with the Dallas Cowboys. He still was learning the team's complex playbook.

Walker played briefly early in the season's first Monday night game, but mostly he spent time on the sideline watching Tony Dorsett, who accelerated 36 yards with a screen pass to give the Cowboys a 7-0 lead over the New York Giants, their fierce NFC East rivals.

But as Walker watched, Dorsett limped off the field with a sprained ankle, finished for the night.

"When Tony went down, I looked up at the sky and said, 'Lord, help me,'" Herschel said later, "because I knew I needed a lot of work at tailback."

He got the work—and more—helping Dallas to an important 31-28 victory.

Walker, 24, had signed with the Cowboys in August after three years and more than 5,500 yards rushing in the USFL.

Against the Giants, he ran for 64 yards on 10 carries, including a 1-yard dive for a second-quarter touchdown and a 10-yard burst up the middle for the game-winning score with 1:16 left.

He also caught six passes, including a 23-yard catch-and-run that ignited the game-winning drive.

the Saints were never really in the game, as Atlanta's young quarterback, Dave Archer, completed 13 of 16 passes for two touchdowns.

In Denver, quarterback John Elway, of all people, caught a 23-yard touchdown pass from running back Steve Sewell as the Broncos outlasted the Los Angeles Raiders 38-36.

"He can do it all," wide receiver Steve Watson said of Elway. "I imagine he'll be returning kicks soon."

Elway also threw two touchdown passes, while linebacker Ken Woodard stripped the ball from the Raiders' Marcus Allen and returned it 16 yards for another Denver score.

In defeat, Allen rushed for 102 yards for an NFL-record tenth successive 100-yard game. He also gained 102 yards on pass receptions and scored twice.

QUOTE:

MARK RUBIN

Rams quarterback Steve Bartkowski, who completed just 5 of 21 passes, forcing Eric Dickerson to run 38 times against St. Louis:

"I'd love to take him to dinner tonight, but I don't know if he'd eat with me."

In Chicago, the Browns scored the first "instant-replay touchdown" of the season, but lost to the Super Bowl-champion Bears anyway, 41-31.

On the game's third play, Cleveland safety Al Gross recovered a bad Shotgun snap from Bears center Jay Hilgenberg in the Chicago end zone. Game officials didn't signal a touchdown until instant-replay official Nick Skorich ruled it was a score.

However, the Bears' Dennis Gentry returned the ensuing kickoff 91 yards for an answering touchdown, and the Bears were on their way.

Walter Payton ran for 113 yards and scored twice, and linebacker Wilber Marshall intercepted a screen pass by quarterback Bernie Kosar in the Cleveland backfield and ran 58 yards to score.

In San Diego, the Chargers rolled up the most points ever scored against a Don Shula-coached Miami team, blistering the Dolphins 50-28.

San Diego gained 500 yards, including an uncharacteristic 224 rushing, and scored on 9 of 12 possessions.

The San Francisco 49ers got off to a fast start, picking off a team-record seven passes from Tampa Bay quarterback Steve DeBerg to beat the Buccaneers 31-7. DeBerg just missed the NFL record of eight interceptions in a single game.

Seattle, a disappointment in 1985, kicked off 1986 by throttling Pittsburgh 30-0 at the Kingdome. The Seahawks limited the Steelers to 146 yards in total offense, intercepted three passes, recovered two fumbles, and blocked a punt. □

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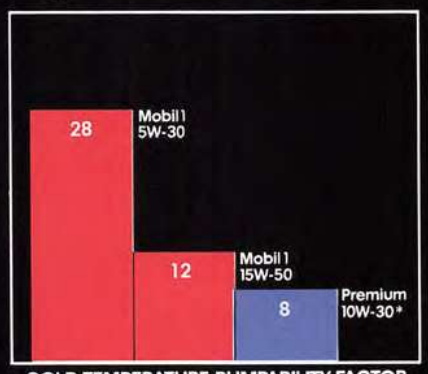

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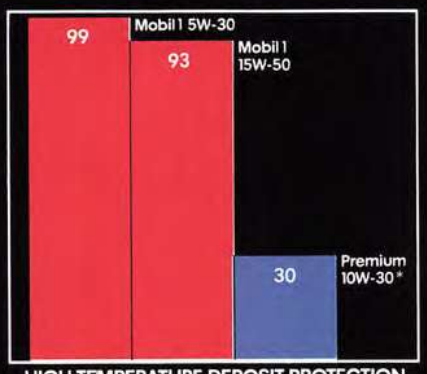

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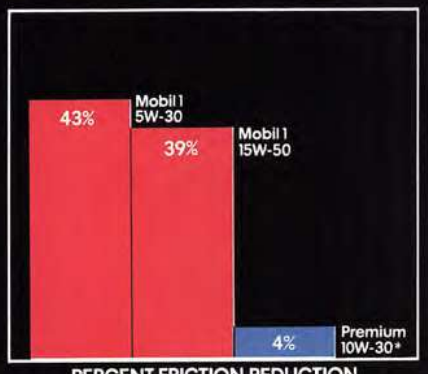

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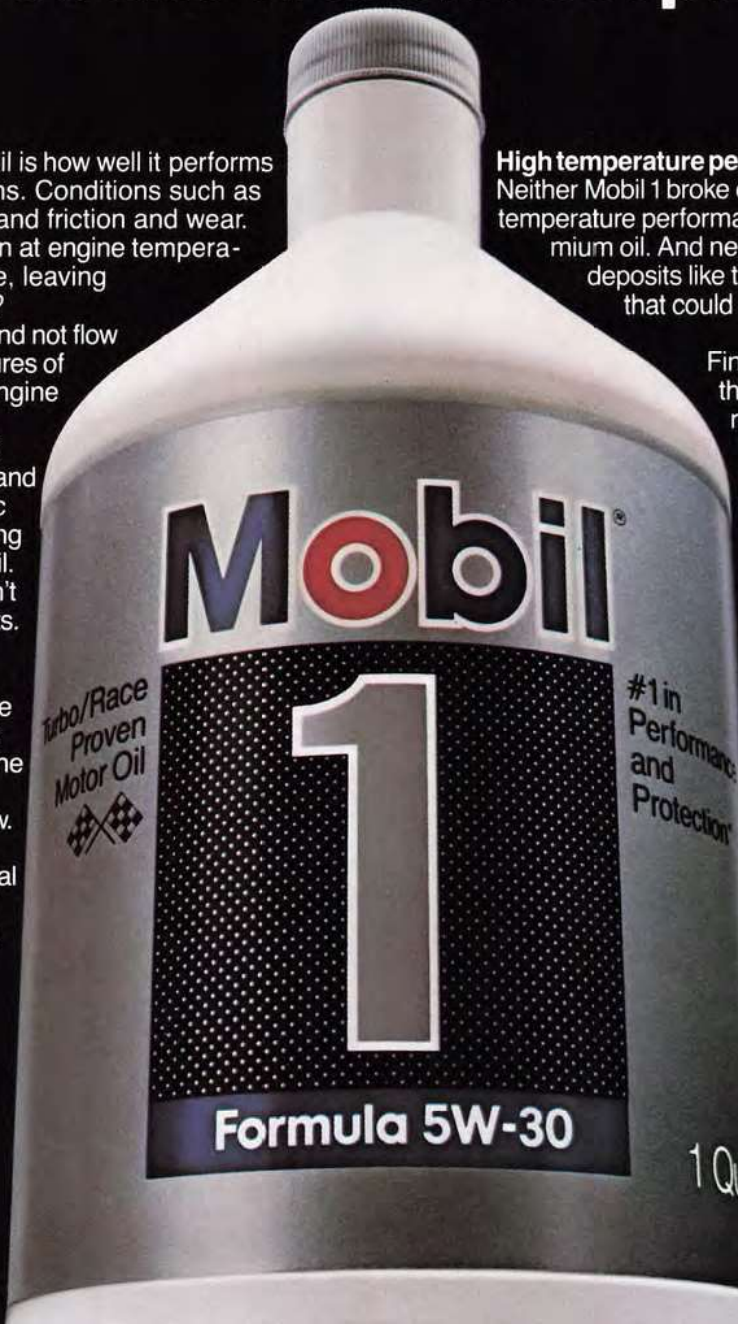

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WEEK 2

September 11

SINCE THE FIRST TEAM to score in overtime wins, the winner of the coin toss has a big advantage, right?

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Both the Bills and Eagles got the ball first in overtime against the host Bengals and Bears, and both allowed it—and the game—to slip right through their hands.

Buffalo's Jim Kelly, who had been off to a fast start in his first NFL season, threw an interception on the first play of overtime to Cincinnati linebacker Carl Zander. Zander's 18-yard return to the Bills' 17 set up Jim Breech's game-winning, 20-yard field goal as the Bengals won 36-33.

Earlier in the game, Breech had kicked a 51-yard field goal as Cincinnati rallied from a 33-23 fourth-quarter deficit, built partly by Kelly's 84-yard touchdown pass to second-year wide receiver Chris Burkett.

"That's part of football," Kelly said later. "You throw interceptions. It's just...why does it have to happen at that time?"

The Eagles turned the ball over even more quickly in the Buddy Bowl, the long-awaited matchup between new Philadelphia coach and old Chicago defensive coordinator Buddy Ryan and his ex-boss, Mike Ditka of the Super Bowl-champion Bears.

With the teams tied at 10, the Eagles' Charles Crawford fumbled the overtime kickoff, and Chicago's Vestee Jackson pounced on the ball on the Philadelphia 35.

The Bears worked the ball to the Eagles' 6-yard line on six rushes by Walter Payton, who ran for 177 yards, then Kevin Butler kicked a 23-yard field goal to keep the Bears unbeaten.

"I made a mistake in a crucial ball game, and that's something I'm going to have to live with," Crawford said.

Said Ditka, relieved his emotional matchup with Ryan was over: "Now we can go back to playing football again."

New England, the Bears' opponent in Super Bowl XX, won for the second consecutive week, stifling the Jets 20-6 on Thursday night. The vis-

DAMIAN STROHMEYER

Buffalo defenders Martin Bayless (43) and Charles Romes (26) catch up to Cincinnati's Bill Johnson (30).

QUOTE:

MARK RUBIN

Raiders cornerback **Lester Hayes**, asked about the 59-yard catch by Washington's Clint Didier over safety Stacey Toran, which set up the game's only touchdown:

"It's a game played by mere mortals, and mere mortals make mistakes."

Irvin—a Twelfth Man for Rams' Offense

MICHAEL ZAGARIS

Just like last year, the Los Angeles Rams are having trouble scoring. But as long as they have LeRoy Irvin around, they get to play offense with 12 men.

Irvin, the Pro Bowl cornerback, bailed out the Rams' offense again by scoring the only Los Angeles touchdown and setting up a field goal in his team's 16-13 win over the 49ers.

He got his touchdown—the eighth of his NFL career—when he raced 65 yards with a blocked field goal in the second quarter.

In the first quarter, after teammate Mark Jerue had intercepted a Jeff Kemp pass and fumbled it, Irvin scooped up the ball and took it 31 yards to the San Francisco 7-yard line. His run set up the first of Mike Lansford's three field goals.

"I was really trying to score," Irvin said later. "I just ran out of moves."

He got his chance again a few minutes later, when fellow cornerback Jerry Gray blocked Ray Wersching's 44-yard field-goal attempt. Linebacker Mike Wilcher grabbed the ball, but was immediately trapped.

"I picked it up and heard LeRoy screaming my name," Wilcher said. "We play on the same side, you know. I'm used to that voice."

Wilcher lateraled the ball left-handed to Irvin who ran for his touchdown.

Irvin, who says he doesn't worry about the Rams' lack of offense, also has returned three interceptions and four punts for touchdowns in his career.

iting Patriots held New York to two field goals, sacking Ken O'Brien four times, and after two games still had not allowed a touchdown.

Leading only 7-6, the Patriots had a third-quarter fourth-and-one play at the Jets' 10. Quarterback Tony Eason pitched the ball to Craig James, who pitched a touchdown pass over two defenders to fellow running back Tony Collins on a gimmick New England calls "438 pass."

Wide receiver Stanley Morgan caught eight passes, giving him 15 in two weeks. The Jets lost not only the game, but also star runner Freeman McNeil for several weeks with a dislocated elbow.

The other New York team was most impressive in dominating the Chargers 20-7 at the Meadowlands. The Giants controlled the ball for nearly 40 minutes and forced seven San Diego turnovers, including five interceptions of Dan Fouts.

BRIAN DRAKE

Walter Payton scores on his big day against the Eagles.

The turnovers, including two thefts each by safeties Terry Kinard and Kenny Hill, set up 17 points. On offense, Phil Simms passed for exactly 300 yards for the second consecutive game.

Miami, which lost to the Chargers 50-28 in week 1, rebounded to defeat the Colts for the twelfth consecutive time, 30-10. The host Dolphins got two touchdowns from Lorenzo Hampton and one on a 71-yard punt return by rookie James Pruitt.

Miami sacked Indianapolis quarterbacks seven times, including starter Gary Hogeboom, who sustained a separated shoulder on, of all things, a 50-yard run with a fumble.

Tony Dorsett of Dallas, who sprained an ankle the previous game and spent part of the week on crutches, threw away the sticks and rushed for 117 yards and a touchdown in the Cowboys' 31-7 victory over Detroit.

"Dorsett is a tough, tough running back," Detroit coach Darryl Rogers said. "Some of our guys go down with a sprained ankle and they come back in two or three weeks. Dorsett has never been given credit for how tough he is."

Another tough running back is the Raiders' Marcus Allen, who stretched his record streak of consecutive 100-yard rushing games to 11 with 104. But Allen's magic wasn't enough as the visiting Raiders lost to Washington 10-6 to begin the season 0-2 for the first time since 1964.

Los Angeles led 6-3 in the fourth quarter, but the Redskins' Jay Schroeder fired a 59-yard pass to tight end Clint Didier to set up George Rogers's game-winning 3-yard touchdown run with 7:27 left.

Denver won its second consecutive game as John Elway passed for 243 yards and three touchdowns in a 21-10 win at Pittsburgh.

Seattle wide receiver Steve Largent caught five passes to run his reception streak to 125 consecutive games, as the host Seahawks kept pace with Denver by defeating Kansas City 23-17.

RON ROSS

Ken Coffey celebrates after defensing a Raiders pass.

And two new head coaches won their first games. Minnesota, under Jerry Burns, defeated frustrated Tampa Bay 23-10 at Tampa, and Jim Mora's New Orleans Saints dominated the Packers 24-10, intercepting a team-record seven passes. □

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

DAMIAN STRUHMEYER

JIM TURNER

AFC offense: Boomer Esiason *NFC defense: Terry Kinard*

AFC OFFENSE—Boomer Esiason, *quarterback, Cincinnati Bengals*
Esiason threw two touchdown passes to Eddie Brown and led a 74-yard, last-minute drive for the tying touchdown that he scored on a 2-yard run with 22 seconds left in regulation as the Bengals beat Buffalo 36-33 in overtime.

AFC DEFENSE—Hanford Dixon, *cornerback, Cleveland Browns*
Dixon intercepted a pass, recovered a fumble, and made six tackles (five solo) in Cleveland's come-from-behind, 23-20 victory over Houston.

NFC OFFENSE—Walter Payton, *running back, Chicago Bears*
Payton rushed for 177 yards to run his NFL-leading, two-week total to 290 in the Bears' 13-10 overtime win over Philadelphia. It was his seventy-fifth 100-yard game, an ongoing NFL record. He also scored his 100th rushing touchdown and increased his career rushing total to more than 15,000 yards.

NFC DEFENSE—Terry Kinard, *safety, New York Giants*
Kinard intercepted two passes, setting up a field goal with one, recovered a fumble to set up a touchdown, broke up three passes, and made six tackles as the Giants throttled Dan Fouts and the San Diego Chargers 20-7.

STANDINGS

AFC East	W	L	T
New England	2	0	0
Miami	1	1	0
N.Y. Jets	1	1	0
Buffalo	0	2	0
Indianapolis	0	2	0
AFC Central			
Cincinnati	1	1	0
Cleveland	1	1	0
Houston	1	1	0
Pittsburgh	0	2	0
AFC West			
Denver	2	0	0
Seattle	2	0	0
Kansas City	1	1	0
San Diego	1	1	0
L.A. Raiders	0	2	0

NFC East	W	L	T
Dallas	2	0	0
Washington	2	0	0
N.Y. Giants	1	1	0
Philadelphia	0	2	0
St. Louis	0	2	0
NFC Central			
Chicago	2	0	0
Detroit	1	1	0
Minnesota	1	1	0
Green Bay	0	2	0
Tampa Bay	0	2	0
NFC West			
Atlanta	2	0	0
L.A. Rams	2	0	0
New Orleans	1	1	0
San Francisco	1	1	0

SCORES

AFC
Cincinnati 36, Buffalo 33 (OT)
Cleveland 23, Houston 20
Denver 21, Pittsburgh 10
Miami 30, Indianapolis 10
New England 20, N.Y. Jets 6
Seattle 23, Kansas City 17
NFC
Atlanta 33, St. Louis 13
Chicago 13, Philadelphia 10 (OT)
Dallas 31, Detroit 7
L.A. Rams 16, San Francisco 13
Minnesota 23, Tampa Bay 10
New Orleans 24, Green Bay 10
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N.Y. Giants 20, San Diego 7
Washington 10, L.A. Raiders 6

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WEEK 3

September 18

FOR ONE SUNDAY, IT WAS the early 1960s all over again.

In action reminiscent of the early pass-and-catch days of the old American Football League, the Jets, Seahawks, Falcons, and Redskins all came from behind to pull out high-scoring games either in overtime or in the last seconds of regulation play.

Simply stated, it was not a good day to play pass defense.

The wildest took place in New Jersey, where, in overtime, Ken O'Brien threw his fourth touchdown pass of the afternoon, a 43-yard shot to Wesley Walker, to vault the New York Jets past Miami 51-45.

Walker also had scoring receptions of 65, 50, and 21 yards, the latter on the last play of regulation to tie the game at 45-45 and send it into overtime.

O'Brien *had* to be on target to overcome the Dolphins' Dan Marino, who tied Bob Griese's club record with six touchdown passes of his own. Marino completed 30 of 50 passes for 448 yards, and his top receivers included Mark Clayton (eight catches for 174 yards, one touchdown) and Mark Duper (seven for 154, two).

"This is the best game I've ever been in—the most exciting," said Jets coach Joe Walton, who could afford to smile. "We saw two great quarterbacks playing football today."

New England's Rich Camarillo had two punts blocked by the Seahawks, including one late in the game to tie the score.

HERB SNITZER

There also was a lot of commotion in Foxboro, Massachusetts, where the New England Patriots allowed their first touchdown of the year—and then some. In a battle of unbeaten teams, Seattle stayed that way with 17 points in a 1:39 stretch late in the fourth quarter for a 38-31 victory.

Ray Butler, cut last season by the Indianapolis Colts, caught a 67-yard touchdown pass from Dave Krieg with 1:14 left in the game to cap the rally. Earlier, Butler caught a 54-yard scoring pass.

Tony Eason was another losing quarterback with great statistics, throwing for a Patriots-record 414 yards and touchdown passes of 27, 44, and 30 yards to the NFL's leading receiver, Stanley Morgan.

The Patriots totaled 506 yards, but punter Rich Camarillo had two punts blocked by Seattle. The second, by rookie Patrick Hunter, was recovered in the end zone by

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

PAUL SPINELLI

SCOTT CUNNINGHAM

AFC offense: Wesley Walker *NFC offense: Dave Archer*

AFC OFFENSE—Ken O'Brien, *quarterback, and* **Wesley Walker,** *wide receiver, New York Jets*
O'Brien threw four touchdown passes, all to Walker, as the two rallied the Jets to a 51-45 overtime victory over Miami. O'Brien passed for 479 yards, his career high, completing 29 of 43 with just one interception. He drove New York 80 yards in the last 1:04 of regulation, hitting Walker with the tying, 21-yard touchdown pass with no time left. In overtime, the pair teamed for the 43-yarder that won the game. Walker averaged 32.3 yards on his six catches to finish with 194 yards.

AFC DEFENSE—Art Still, *defensive end, Kansas City Chiefs*
Still made seven solo tackles, including two sacks of Warren Moon, assisted on two other tackles, deflected a pass, and forced a fumble to set up a field goal, as the Chiefs defeated Houston 27-13.

NFC OFFENSE—Dave Archer, *quarterback, Atlanta Falcons*
Archer led unbeaten Atlanta past Dallas by throwing a 65-yard, last-minute pass to wide receiver Floyd Dixon to set up the winning field goal with 20 seconds left in the Falcons' 37-35 win. He completed 15 of 29 passes, with no interceptions, for 269 yards and a touchdown and ran six times for 45 yards.

NFC DEFENSE—Mel Owens, *linebacker, Los Angeles Rams*
Owens had two of the Rams' seven sacks of Indianapolis quarterbacks Jack Trudeau and Blair Kiel in the team's 24-7 victory at Indianapolis.

STANDINGS

AFC East	W	L	T
New England	2	1	0
N.Y. Jets	2	1	0
Buffalo	1	2	0
Miami	1	2	0
Indianapolis	0	3	0
AFC Central			
Cincinnati	2	1	0
Cleveland	1	2	0
Houston	1	2	0
Pittsburgh	0	3	0
AFC West			
Denver	3	0	0
Seattle	3	0	0
Kansas City	2	1	0
San Diego	1	2	0
L.A. Raiders	0	3	0

NFC East	W	L	T
Washington	3	0	0
Dallas	2	1	0
N.Y. Giants	1	2	0
Philadelphia	1	2	0
St. Louis	0	3	0
NFC Central			
Chicago	3	0	0
Minnesota	2	1	0
Detroit	1	2	0
Tampa Bay	1	2	0
Green Bay	0	3	0
NFC West			
Atlanta	3	0	0
L.A. Rams	3	0	0
San Francisco	2	1	0
New Orleans	1	2	0

SCORES

AFC
Cincinnati 30, Cleveland 15
Kansas City 27, Houston 13
N.Y. Jets 51, Miami 45 (OT)
Seattle 38, New England 31
NFC
Atlanta 37, Dallas 35
Chicago 25, Green Bay 12
San Francisco 26, New Orleans 17
Tampa Bay 24, Detroit 20
Interconference
Buffalo 17, St. Louis 10
Denver 33, Philadelphia 7
L.A. Rams 24, Indianapolis 7
Minnesota 31, Pittsburgh 7
N.Y. Giants 14, L.A. Raiders 9
Washington 30, San Diego 27

Paul Moyer with 2:12 left to tie the score at 31 and set up Seattle's victory.

At Dallas, Danny White played despite a pulled thigh muscle and threw four touchdown passes for the Cowboys, the final one giving his team a 35-27 lead with 9:05 left.

But Atlanta's Gerald Riggs, who rushed for 109 yards, scored from the 2-yard line with 3:28 left to trim the lead to 35-34. Then young Dave Archer lofted a 65-yard bomb to rookie wide receiver Floyd Dixon with 28 seconds left to set the Falcons up on the

ERNIE LEYBA

Denver's Sammy Winder: 104 yards and two touchdowns.

Cowboys' 2-yard line again.

Mick Luckhurst kicked an 18-yard field goal with 20 seconds to play, his third field goal of the day, and Atlanta won 37-35 to start the season 3-0.

In San Diego, the Chargers had a 21-3 lead over Washington in the second quarter and were still holding on to a 27-23 advantage with less than two minutes to play.

But Jay Schroeder of the Redskins fired a 55-yard completion to wide receiver Gary Clark, who reached the San Diego 14. On the next play, Schroeder and Clark teamed again for the winning touchdown, 30-27.

The score, with 1:16 left, gave the Redskins a 3-0 mark, their best start since 1982, the season they won the Super Bowl.

Clark caught six passes for 144 yards, while teammate Art Monk grabbed seven for 174 yards. Said Clark of his winning catch:

"I wasn't even sure what the play was. I never heard it in the huddle because of the crowd noise."

GEORGE ROSE

Roger Craig helped take up the slack for Joe Montana.

In Los Angeles, one streak ended and another stayed alive, but both were bad news for the Raiders.

Marcus Allen, who left the game in the third quarter with a sprained ankle, gained only 40 yards on 15 carries to have his NFL-record streak of 100-yard rushing games snapped at 11.

The Raiders' losing streak reached three, as they fell to the New York Giants 14-9. The Giants' Phil Simms threw a pair of scoring passes to wide receiver Lionel Manuel, and Joe Morris ran for 110 yards, setting up a touchdown with a 52-yard gain.

Another hot quarterback was San Francisco's Jeff Kemp, who led the 49ers past visiting New Orleans 26-17 in his second start for Joe Montana, who had back surgery after the second game. Montana was injured in the season opener and possibly lost for the rest of the year.

Kemp passed for 332 yards, hitting eight third-down passes for seven first downs and a touchdown. Ray Wersching chipped in with four field goals.

In a losing cause, 5-foot 7-inch Mel Gray of the Saints returned the second-half kickoff 101 yards for a touchdown and took another kickoff 63 yards to set up a field goal.

Denver literally ran its record to 3-0 and kept host Philadelphia winless with a 33-7 victory, built on a 203-yard rushing attack. Sammy Winder got 104 of that total, and Gerald Willhite added 91.

The Rams also stretched their record to 3-0 with a 24-7 victory at Indianapolis, built largely on 121 yards rushing by Eric Dickerson and an 18-of-26 passing day by Steve Bartkowski. □

Running in the Family

ALLENS STUDIO

Carrying the football, if you'll pardon the expression, runs in the Wonsley family.

Brother George plays running back for the Indianapolis Colts, brother Otis spent five years doing the same for the Washington Redskins, and in the third week the NFL was introduced to brother Nathan (above), the one nobody wanted.

The 5-foot 10-inch rookie free agent from the University of Mississippi replaced James Wilder, who was unable to play against Detroit because of a bruised chest. Nathan responded by ripping the Lions for 138 yards on 18 carries, including touchdown runs of 22 and 55 yards, as Tampa Bay won 24-20.

Wonsley's story is a tribute to perseverance.

"It was very discouraging when I wasn't drafted," Wonsley said. "But I knew I couldn't stop there, because I didn't get to college by stopping and being a quitter.

"I went back to the drawing board. I went to the weight room and worked out every day. I ran every day. Every time a scout came around, I went out there and gave him 100 percent. Finally, the Bucs called and said they'd give me a shot."

It was a fortunate phone call. Wonsley's play helped Tampa Bay snap its 19-game road losing streak, which dated back to November, 1983.

QUOTE:

MAN RUBIN

Colts quarterback **Blair Kiel**, after the Rams sacked him four times in the fourth quarter in his first NFL game in two years:

"I forgot how hard they hit up here."

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WEEK 4

September 28

AFTER TERRORIZING THE NFL in 1985, the Chicago Bears came out of the gate with three victories in a row to begin the 1986 season.

But they struggled in all three, and in the last two, playing without injured Jim McMahon, they huffed and puffed to score a total of 38 points.

Unfortunately for Cincinnati, McMahon came back.

The Bears' leader, playing with specially designed shoulder pads to protect his injured throwing shoulder, fired three touchdown passes and ran for another as Chicago took a 21-0 first-quarter lead and demolished the host Bengals 44-7 for their fourth consecutive victory.

BRUCE DIERDORFF

The sheik of Chicago, Jim McMahon, came back from an injury to lead the Bears to a 44-7 victory over Cincinnati.

"When he's back, they're a better team," said Bengals coach Sam Wyche. "That's the world championship team we saw out there."

The world champions' quarterback spread his scoring passes around to three different receivers, including a 53-yarder to Willie Gault, who caught seven passes for 174 yards.

Gary Fencik, Wilber Marshall, and Otis Wilson intercepted three of Boomer Esiason's first four passes, and Dave Duerson later added a fourth to set up three touchdowns.

Two other NFC teams, Atlanta and Washington, and one AFC team, Denver, also remained unbeaten after four weeks.

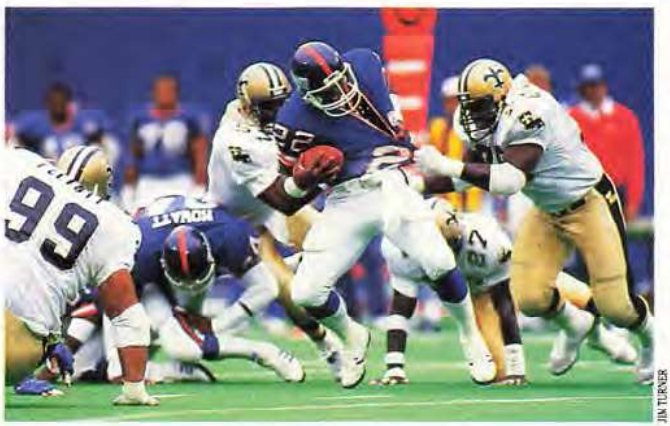
The surprising Falcons won their sixth successive regular-season game, dating back to last year, as they rallied to win for the second week in a row.

This time the victim was Tampa Bay, 23-20, and the architect of the overtime victory was third-year quarterback Dave Archer.

Behind 20-17 with time running out, the visiting Falcons faced a fourth-and-2 situation on the Buccaneers' 38, but Archer eluded four tacklers to complete a 15-yard pass to Sylvester Stamps and set up placekicker Mick Luckhurst's game-tying 34-yard field goal in the final seconds of regulation.

Luckhurst won the game with another 34-yard kick, 12:25 into overtime.

Archer completed 19 of 36 passes for 246 yards and a touchdown. Gerald Riggs ran for 129 yards and a touchdown, his third game in a row with more than 100 yards.



JIM TURNER

Lee Rouson (22) of the Giants gets pulled down by New Orleans defensive end Bruce Clark, as the Giants win 20-17.

The Redskins outscored another unbeaten team, Seattle, winning 19-14 on the running of George Rogers and the passing of Jay Schroeder, who now has nine victories and only one defeat since taking over as Washington's starting quarterback when Joe Theismann went down with a broken leg in 1985.

Rogers pounded out 115 yards, including 24- and 7-yard scoring runs, and Schroeder completed 14 of 26 passes. Washington's designated long-distance field-goal specialist, Steve Cox, kicked a team-record 57-yarder at the end of the

In Cleveland, an Ice Cube Keeps the Browns From Slipping

Gerald McNeil's nickname is "Ice Cube." It should be "Feather."

The Cleveland Browns' kick returner stands only 5 feet 7 inches and weighs in at 146 pounds, which makes him the lightest player in the NFL.

But McNeil carried a lot of weight when he led the Browns to a 24-21 victory over Detroit, breaking loose for 189 yards in kickoff and punt returns, including an 84-yard punt runback for a touchdown. It was the longest punt return in Browns history breaking Bobby Mitchell's record of 78 yards.

"The little guy beat us all by himself," said Lions coach Darryl Rogers.

"He's an exciting player to watch," said Browns coach Marty Schottenheimer.

McNeil joined the Browns this season, after leading the USFL in punt returns in 1985.

TONY TOMSIC

"It felt great to make that return against Detroit," he said. "I got the ball, I got the blocks, we got a touchdown, and we got it going.

"No doubt the layoff from the USFL hurt me. I've been rusty up to now, but I've got my cutting ability back."

WEEK 4

STANDINGS

AFC East	W	L	T
N.Y. Jets	3	1	0
New England	2	2	0
Buffalo	1	3	0
Miami	1	3	0
Indianapolis	0	4	0
AFC Central			
Cincinnati	2	2	0
Cleveland	2	2	0
Houston	1	3	0
Pittsburgh	1	3	0
AFC West			
Denver	4	0	0
Kansas City	3	1	0
Seattle	3	1	0
L.A. Raiders	1	3	0
San Diego	1	3	0

NFC East	W	L	T
Washington	4	0	0
Dallas	3	1	0
N.Y. Giants	3	1	0
Philadelphia	1	3	0
St. Louis	0	4	0
NFC Central			
Chicago	4	0	0
Minnesota	3	1	0
Detroit	1	3	0
Tampa Bay	1	3	0
Green Bay	0	4	0
NFC West			
Atlanta	4	0	0
L.A. Rams	3	1	0
San Francisco	3	1	0
New Orleans	1	3	0

SCORES

AFC
Denver 27, New England 20
Kansas City 20, Buffalo 17
L.A. Raiders 17, San Diego 13
Pittsburgh 22, Houston 16 (OT)
N.Y. Jets 26, Indianapolis 7
NFC
Atlanta 23, Tampa Bay 20 (OT)
Dallas 31, St. Louis 7
Minnesota 42, Green Bay 7
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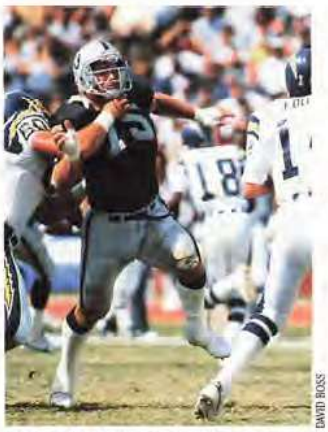
Chicago 44, Cincinnati 7
Cleveland 24, Detroit 21
San Francisco 31, Miami 16
Washington 19, Seattle 14



DAVID BOSS

Defensive end Howie Long (75) charges after San Diego quarterback Dan Fouts in Raiders' 17-13 victory.

first half to give the host Redskins the lead for good.

In defeat, Seattle wide receiver Steve Largent caught three passes (one for a touchdown) to tie Harold Carmichael's NFL consecutive-game reception streak at 127.

Denver, the fourth unbeaten team, had to survive a terrible first half when the Broncos had the ball for just nine minutes and trailed New England 13-3 at Denver.

But John Elway, who completed 6 of 18 passes in the first half, was 12 for 16 in the second, directing three touchdown drives in the 27-20 victory. The Broncos scored 24 points in a row to take command.

"It was two different ball games," said Broncos coach Dan Reeves. "I think we wore them down in the second half."

Helping to wear down the Patriots was Sammy Winder, who ran for 92 yards and scored once.

In Philadelphia, Buddy Ryan got his first victory as Eagles coach when his team jumped off to a 34-0 lead on the previously unbeaten Los Angeles Rams and coasted in 34-20.

"They said there would be days like these," said Rams coach John Robinson. "By God, they were right."

Ron Jaworski led the Eagles' charge, passing for three touchdowns and pitching out to running back Keith Byars, who threw a fourth touchdown pass—55 yards to Mike Quick.

The 49ers continued their fast start by defeating staggering Miami 31-16.

Jeff Kemp threw 18- and 50-yard touchdown passes to Jerry Rice to lead San Francisco. Miami's Dan Marino was intercepted four times, booed by the hometown fans, and finally replaced by Don Strock.

It was the two teams' first meeting since Super Bowl XIX, which the 49ers won by a similar score, 38-16.

Both of New York's teams won to run their records to 3-1.

The Jets downed Indianapolis 26-7 at the Hoosier Dome as Pat Leahy kicked four field goals to run his streak to 19 in a row.

The Giants overcame a 17-0 New Orleans lead to win 20-17 on the passing of Phil Simms, who completed 24 of 41 for 286 yards and two touchdowns, including the 4-yard game-winner to tight end Zeke Mowatt with 8:03 left at the Meadowlands.

In St. Louis, the Dallas Cowboys played without injured Tony Dorsett, but Herschel Walker made his first start and rushed for 82 yards and caught five passes for 57 more. One reception was good for an 8-yard touchdown. Danny White threw three touchdown passes as the Cowboys won 31-7 on Monday night. □

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

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AFC defense: Karl Mecklenburg NFC offense: Tommy Kramer

AFC OFFENSE—Marc Wilson, *quarterback, Los Angeles Raiders*
Although Marcus Allen was sidelined by a sprained ankle, Wilson rallied the Raiders to their first victory, a 17-13 defeat of the visiting San Diego Chargers. Despite being sacked eight times, he bounced up to complete 19 of 28 passes for 314 yards and two touchdowns.

AFC DEFENSE—Karl Mecklenburg, *linebacker, Denver Broncos*
Mecklenburg made 13 tackles, 10 of them solo, and had 2 1/2 sacks, as he led a fierce Denver defense that shut out New England for 29:59 of the second half in the Broncos' 27-20, come-from-behind victory.

NFC OFFENSE—Tommy Kramer, *quarterback, Minnesota Vikings*
Kramer threw a career high six touchdown passes, four in the first quarter, as he led the Vikings to their third victory in four weeks, 42-7 over Green Bay. He completed 16 of 25 for 241 yards, with no interceptions, and left the game with 11 minutes remaining in the third quarter. Two of Kramer's scoring passes went to tight end Steve Jordan (six catches, 112 yards), and two went to rookie wide receiver Hassan Jones (six, 106) at the Metrodome.

NFC DEFENSE—Ronnie Lott, *safety, San Francisco 49ers*
Lott made five tackles and intercepted two passes, lateraling one to fellow safety Tom Holmoe, who returned it 66 yards for a touchdown in the 49ers' 31-16 victory at Miami.

QUOTE:

MARY RUBEY

Miami coach Don Shula to reporters, after the Dolphins' loss to the 49ers, which dropped their record to 1-3, the team's worst start in 17 years:

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WEEK 5

October 5

DON SHULA WAS AS shocked as everyone else in the NFL.

He had taken the Miami Dolphins to five Super Bowls, but suddenly in 1986 they were off to a 1-4 start, their poorest since 1969 and Shula's most futile beginning in 24 years of coaching.

Their latest loss—and it sounds strange to say that—was a 34-7 collapse against New England. The Patriots ran and passed for 429 yards and 25 first downs, and limited the Dolphins to 251 and 13 at Foxboro, Massachusetts.

"This is the lowest this football team has ever been," Shula said. "I thought it couldn't get any worse than last week [a 31-16 loss to the 49ers], but I was wrong. Today was worse."

In five weeks, the Dolphins had allowed a league-high 176 points . . . more than they allowed in the entire 14-game *seasons* of 1971, 1972, and 1973.

New England cheerfully scored on five of its six first-half possessions for a 27-0 lead. Tony Eason threw two touchdown passes, and, when he hurt his ribs, Steve Grogan came on to throw another in the second half.

TONY TOMSIC

John Dutton of Dallas sacks Denver's John Elway (7). Elway had the last laugh, throwing three touchdown passes.

Out West, Denver remained one of three unbeaten teams with an impressive 29-14 victory over injury-riddled Dallas.

Danny White missed the game with a hip injury, and his replacement, Steve Pelluer, was treated rudely by the host Broncos. They sacked him five times, once for a safety by defensive end Rulon Jones, and intercepted three of his passes, two by cornerback Louis Wright.

Running back Gerald Willhite scored three times for Denver, twice on passes from John Elway and once on a run.

The Cowboys also played without Tony Dorsett, and lost defensive tackle Randy White during the game.

In Chicago, it looked as if the unbeaten Bears would get a challenge in the NFC Central from revitalized Minnesota, winner of three games in a row.

But the Super Bowl XX champions sacked Tommy

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

HERB SNITZER

DAVID BOSS

AFC defense: Ronnie Lippett ***NFC offense: Eric Dickerson***

AFC OFFENSE—Steve Largent, *wide receiver, Seattle Seahawks, and* **Charlie Joiner,** *wide receiver, San Diego Chargers*
Joiner, 38 (39 on October 14) and Largent, 32, both set all-time NFL records in Seattle's 33-7 victory over San Diego. Joiner caught four passes for 39 yards to surpass Don Maynard's career mark for receiving yardage (11,855 to 11,834). Largent caught four passes for 78 yards and a touchdown to run his consecutive-game reception streak to 128, breaking the mark he shared with Harold Carmichael.

AFC DEFENSE—Ronnie Lippett, *cornerback, New England Patriots*
Lippett intercepted Dan Marino twice to set up a field goal and a touchdown and made three solo tackles in the host Patriots' 34-7 victory over Miami.

NFC OFFENSE—Eric Dickerson, *running back, Los Angeles Rams*
Dickerson ran for 207 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Rams past Tampa Bay 26-20 in overtime. In the first quarter he escaped on a 40-yard touchdown run, and, with just 2:16 gone in overtime, he raced through left tackle for 42 yards and the winning touchdown. He also had a 36-yard scoring run nullified by a penalty in the second quarter at Anaheim.

NFC DEFENSE—Garry Cobb, *linebacker, Philadelphia Eagles*
Cobb made nine tackles, four of them sacks of Dave Archer, in the Eagles' 16-0 victory in Atlanta. He also broke up a pass, forced a fumble to set up a field goal, and recovered a fumble on the Philadelphia 11-yard line to kill a drive.

QUOTE:

Cardinals quarterback Neil Lomax, on the long wait while officials studied replays to determine if he had thrown a touchdown pass against the Giants:
"I thought they were ordering a pizza."

MARY RUBIN

Kramer seven times and limited the Vikings to 159 yards in a 23-0 victory. Kramer had thrown six touchdown passes against Green Bay the previous week.

The Bears' Walter Payton rushed for 108 yards and scored once, while Jim McMahon passed for 204, including a 58-yarder for a touchdown to wide receiver Keith Ortego, a player McMahon calls "White Lightning."

Washington, the third team at 5-0 after five weeks, squeezed past New Orleans 14-6 at the Superdome. George Rogers carried 31 times for 110 yards and a touchdown for the Redskins.

In defeat, the Saints' Morten Andersen kicked two field goals to run his streak to 20 in a row, but then missed a 51-yarder.

JIM TURNER

Mickey Shuler (82) caught the game-winner against Buffalo.

Another unbeaten team, Atlanta, was gobbled up by visiting Philadelphia 16-0, the second consecutive victory for Buddy Ryan, who also contributed to a shutout of the Falcons (36-0) when he was the Bears' defensive coordinator in 1985. The aggressive Eagles sacked Falcons quarterback Dave Archer seven times.

Mike Quick made a diving catch of Ron Jaworski's eight-yard throw for Philadelphia's only touchdown, and Paul McFadden kicked three field goals.

The 49ers continued to thrive with Air Kemp, as Jeff of the same name fired three touchdown passes to explosive wide receiver Jerry Rice in a 35-14 defeat of Indianapolis. Rice's scoring catches of 45, 16, and 58 yards tied San Francisco's single-game record.

"When I see him running free, it gives me confidence," Kemp said. "I can throw it out there about as far and high as I want and know he's going to get it."

Rice caught six passes in all for 172 yards, while Kemp completed 18 of 27 for 274 yards with no interceptions.

Luckless Buffalo had 12 men on the field, but it didn't help, as the Jets' Ken O'Brien threw a 36-yard scoring pass to tight end Mickey Shuler with 57 seconds left for a 14-13 victory at the Meadowlands. O'Brien tied Joe Namath's team record with 15 successive completions on the way to a 29-of-39 day.

The Jets' Johnny Hector rushed for 117 yards and caught nine passes for 100.

Norm Johnson tied a Seahawks record with four field goals, including a club record-tying 54-yarder, Dave Krieg threw three touchdown passes, and Curt Warner ran for 142 yards, as Seattle turned San Diego upside down 33-7 on Monday night in the Kingdome.

The Cleveland Browns snapped a 16-game losing streak in Pittsburgh with a 27-24 come-from-behind victory over the Steelers. Gerald (Ice Cube) McNeil, the Browns' 146-pound refugee from the USFL, helped out with a 100-yard kickoff return for a touchdown.

"Now I can retire," Browns tight end Ozzie Newsome said. "The frustration is over. I'm overjoyed." □

Surprise... Another Plunkett Comeback

SCOTT CUNNINGHAM

To the rest of the NFL, Jim Plunkett is like those persistent weeds in your garden: He won't go away.

Plunkett, who's written off about every two weeks, came off the bench again to perform his magic and lead the struggling Raiders to a come-from-behind 24-17 victory at Kansas City.

Plunkett, 38 years old and in his sixteenth pro season, was the NFL comeback player of the year as long ago as 1980, when he went on to be the MVP in Super Bowl XV, one of two NFL titles he's helped bring to the Raiders.

This time, his team was behind the Chiefs 17-14 in the third quarter when starting quarterback Marc Wilson was knocked out of the game with a painfully injured thumb on his passing hand. Plunkett jogged on the field with only a few warm-up throws—"to an equipment guy," he said later.

The old man took it from there, driving the Raiders 46 yards to the go-ahead touchdown, which he collected with an 18-yard pass to wide receiver Jessie Hester.

In the fourth quarter, he marched Los Angeles 62 yards to a field goal by Chris Bahr, and the Raiders had won 24-17.

In all, Plunkett completed 8 of 10 passes for 108 yards.

Raiders cornerback Lester Hayes had seen all of this before.

"Jim Plunkett is a stupendous leader," Hayes said. "He's like General [George] Patton. God has blessed him with the same kind of intestinal fortitude General Patton had."

STANDINGS

AFC East	W	L	T
N.Y. Jets	4	1	0
New England	3	2	0
Buffalo	1	4	0
Miami	1	4	0
Indianapolis	0	5	0
AFC Central			
Cincinnati	3	2	0
Cleveland	3	2	0
Houston	1	4	0
Pittsburgh	1	4	0
AFC West			
Denver	5	0	0
Seattle	4	1	0
Kansas City	3	2	0
L.A. Raiders	2	3	0
San Diego	1	4	0

NFC East	W	L	T
Washington	5	0	0
N.Y. Giants	4	1	0
Dallas	3	2	0
Philadelphia	2	3	0
St. Louis	0	5	0
NFC Central			
Chicago	5	0	0
Minnesota	3	2	0
Detroit	2	3	0
Tampa Bay	1	4	0
Green Bay	0	5	0
NFC West			
Atlanta	4	1	0
L.A. Rams	4	1	0
San Francisco	4	1	0
New Orleans	1	4	0

SCORES

AFC
Cleveland 27, Pittsburgh 24
L.A. Raiders 24, Kansas City 17
New England 34, Miami 7
N.Y. Jets 14, Buffalo 13
Seattle 33, San Diego 7
NFC
Chicago 23, Minnesota 0
L.A. Rams 26, Tampa Bay 20 (OT)
N.Y. Giants 13, St. Louis 6
Philadelphia 16, Atlanta 0
Washington 14, New Orleans 6
Interconference
Cincinnati 34, Green Bay 28
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WEEK 6

October 12

TONY DORSETT, STILL not fully recovered from a sprained knee, carried the ball 18 times against the unbeaten Washington Redskins, and they cut him down with just 22 yards.

It was a game Dallas had to win, but Dorsett, who missed the two previous games with his injury, couldn't work any magic.

Herschel Walker could.

The newest Cowboys running back, who came from the USFL in August, rallied Dallas to an impressive 30-6 victory over the visiting Redskins, leaving his team just a game behind Washington and the New York Giants in the NFC East.

Walker rushed for only 45 yards, but while playing running back, flanker, and tight end, he caught six passes for 155, set up two touchdowns, and scored from the one after each of them.

"At least we're back in the race," said Dallas coach Tom Landry. "Herschel is a great catalyst."

Walker caught a first-quarter pass for 69 yards to set up his first touchdown and then made a spectacular 27-yard run with a screen pass to set up his second.

DAVID BOSS

Dokie Williams's 9-yard touchdown was the first step toward the Raiders evening their record at 3-3.

Meanwhile, Steve Pelluer, in his second start for injured Danny White, passed for 323 yards and a touchdown, while the Dallas defense limited Washington to 184 yards.

There was a lot of good defense played around the NFL this Sunday, particularly in the Meadowlands by the New York Giants. Rolling to their fifth successive win, the Giants swallowed up Philadelphia 35-3, holding the Eagles to 117 yards and nine first downs.

Rookie Rueben Mayes slashed for 108 yards to lead the Saints over the Colts 17-14.

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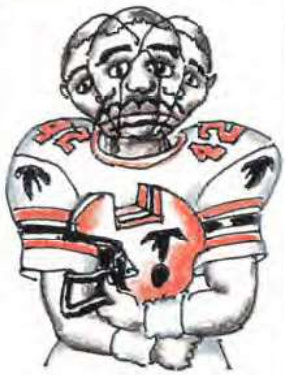

MARY RUBEN

Atlanta's Gerald Riggs, playing with slightly blurred vision after absorbing a hard tackle the previous week against Philadelphia:

"I think they had bricks hidden in the grass, and I hit one of them."

New York's defense collected six sacks against Eagles quarterbacks Ron Jaworski and Randall Cunningham, including four by Lawrence Taylor. Linebacker Harry Carson even played offense, scoring on a 13-yard pass from Jeff Rutledge on a fake field goal.

Quarterback Phil Simms also was on his game, completing 20 of 29 passes for two touchdowns and running for a third, while Joe Morris dashed 30 yards for another score.

The New York Jets also ran their record to 5-1 after a critical 31-24 victory over the Patriots at New England. The Jets boosted their winning

STEVE SWOPE

STANDINGS

AFC East	W	L	T
N.Y. Jets	5	1	0
New England	3	3	0
Miami	2	4	0
Buffalo	1	5	0
Indianapolis	0	6	0
AFC Central			
Cincinnati	4	2	0
Cleveland	4	2	0
Houston	1	5	0
Pittsburgh	1	5	0
AFC West			
Denver	6	0	0
Seattle	4	2	0
Kansas City	3	3	0
L.A. Raiders	3	3	0
San Diego	1	5	0

NFC East	W	L	T
N.Y. Giants	5	1	0
Washington	5	1	0
Dallas	4	2	0
Philadelphia	2	4	0
St. Louis	1	5	0
NFC Central			
Chicago	6	0	0
Minnesota	4	2	0
Detroit	3	3	0
Tampa Bay	1	5	0
Green Bay	0	6	0
NFC West			
Atlanta	5	1	0
L.A. Rams	4	2	0
San Francisco	4	2	0
New Orleans	2	4	0

SCORES

AFC
Cincinnati 24, Pittsburgh 22
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Minnesota 27, San Francisco 24 (OT)
N.Y. Giants 35, Philadelphia 3
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Chicago 20, Houston 7
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PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

JOHN SANDHAUS

ALI JORGE

AFC offense: Johnny Hector *NFC defense: Lawrence Taylor*

AFC OFFENSE—Johnny Hector, *running back, New York Jets*
Hector, subbing for the injured Freeman McNeil, rushed for a career-high 143 yards on a team-record 40 carries, caught two passes, and scored three touchdowns as the visiting Jets defeated New England 31-24.

AFC DEFENSE—Leonard Coleman, *cornerback, Indianapolis Colts*
Although the winless Colts lost to New Orleans 17-14 at the Hoosier Dome, Coleman was a one-man defense, intercepting Saints quarterback Dave Wilson three times and making seven tackles.

NFC OFFENSE—Gerald Riggs, *running back, Atlanta Falcons*
Riggs rushed for 141 yards on 35 carries and scored a touchdown as the Falcons dominated the Rams 26-14.

NFC DEFENSE—Lawrence Taylor, *linebacker, New York Giants*
Taylor led a fierce rush on Philadelphia quarterbacks Ron Jaworski and Randall Cunningham, making 13 tackles, including four sacks, in the Giants' 35-3 victory at the Meadowlands.

streak to four in a row.

With Pat Ryan subbing for the injured Ken O'Brien at quarterback, New York took a 24-0 halftime lead, then withstood a furious second-half passing assault by Steve Grogan, who was subbing for injured Tony Eason.

Grogan threw for a career-high 401 yards and three second-half touchdowns, including a 44-yard pass to Stanley Morgan and a 69-yarder to Irving Fryar.

With 1:22 left and the score 31-24, Grogan nailed Fryar with a 31-yard pass that carried to the Jets' 32, but Fryar fumbled the ball away.

There were just two unbeaten teams left after six weeks, Chicago in the NFC and Denver in the AFC.

The Bears won their twelfth successive game, counting playoffs, when they huffed and puffed past host Houston 20-7, the fifth loss in a row for the Oilers. Listening to coach Mike Ditka, however, it was difficult to tell his team was 6-0.

"We won the game, but we certainly didn't play well," he snapped. "We cannot pretend to contend for a championship playing the way we did today."

While Ditka muttered, Walter Payton became the first NFL player to surpass 20,000 all-purpose yards when he rushed for 76 and caught a 30-yard pass, jumping his career total to 20,045. Meanwhile, the Bears' defense sacked Oilers quarterback Warren Moon five times.

The unbeaten Broncos controlled the ball for nearly 39 minutes as they slapped down San Diego 31-14, handing the host Chargers their fifth loss in a row.

Denver led only 10-7 at halftime, but marched 89 and 82 yards on second-half drives and took control of the game. John Elway passed for 242 yards and a touchdown, while safety Tony Lilly intercepted two Dan Fouts passes.

In an NFC West showdown, the Atlanta Falcons took sole possession of first place by controlling the ball for 34 minutes and out-running the visiting Los Angeles Rams 26-14. Gerald Riggs almost doubled Eric Dickerson's yardage (141 to 73), and Mick Luckhurst kicked four field goals.

After watching Atlanta run the ball so well, Rams guard Dennis Harrah moaned, "They looked like us out there."

Playing for the injured Marc Wilson, the Raiders' Jim Plunkett directed two early drives that he culminated with touchdown passes as Los Angeles jumped ahead of Seattle 14-0. The Raiders then relied on their defense, which sacked Dave Krieg four times and limited the Seahawks to 211 yards in a 14-10 victory.

GEORGE GOJKOVICH

Bubby Brister made his first start for Pittsburgh.

Cleveland held Kansas City to just 126 yards and 10 first downs, while Bernie Kosar passed for 287 yards and two touchdowns in the Browns' 20-7 victory. □

Vikings Use a Full-Nelson on 49ers

GEORGE ROSS

In 1985, after spending parts of two seasons with the Los Angeles Rams and Buffalo Bills, placekicker Chuck Nelson was out of football.

He wasn't too old—unless 25 is too old. Nelson was just looking for a place to play.

Finally, in February, 1986, he tried out in Minnesota and the Vikings signed him.

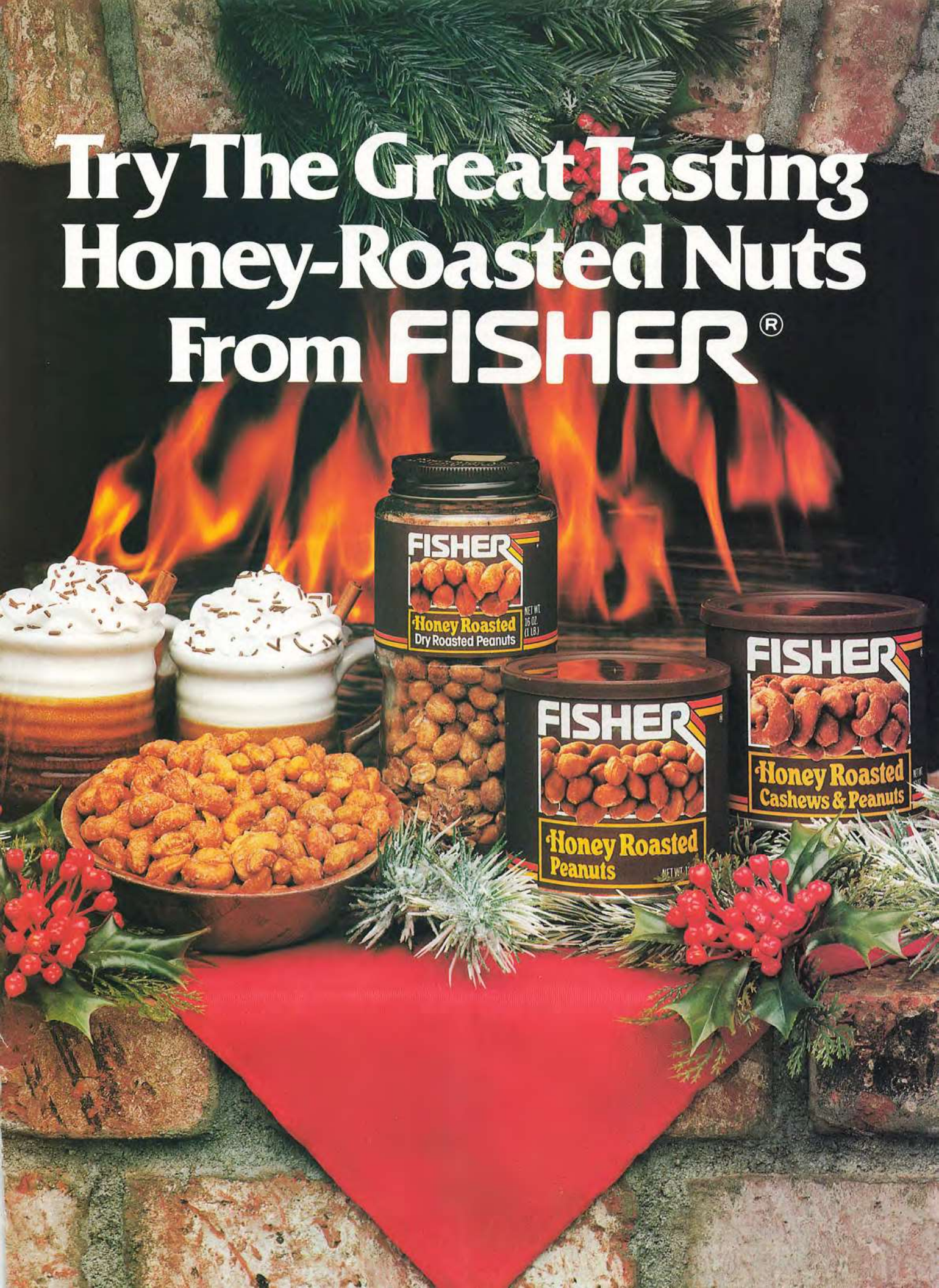
In the sixth week of the season, Nelson and the Vikings found themselves in overtime, tied 24-24 with the San Francisco 49ers.

The two teams had gone into overtime because 49ers placekicker Ray Wersching had missed a 38-yard field goal on the last play of regulation, the ball hitting the left upright in a wind blowing from right to left.

The Vikings won the toss in overtime, and Tommy Kramer, who passed for 326 yards and two touchdowns (both to Anthony Carter), directed a 58-yard drive to give Nelson his chance to win it with a field goal.

At 28 yards, it wasn't a long kick, but it was an important one for the improved Vikings (now 4-2). And Nelson, the unwanted kicker, made it. It left him 7 of 9 for the year.

"I feel very comfortable from twenty-eight yards," Nelson said. "If I can't make it from there, I'm in trouble."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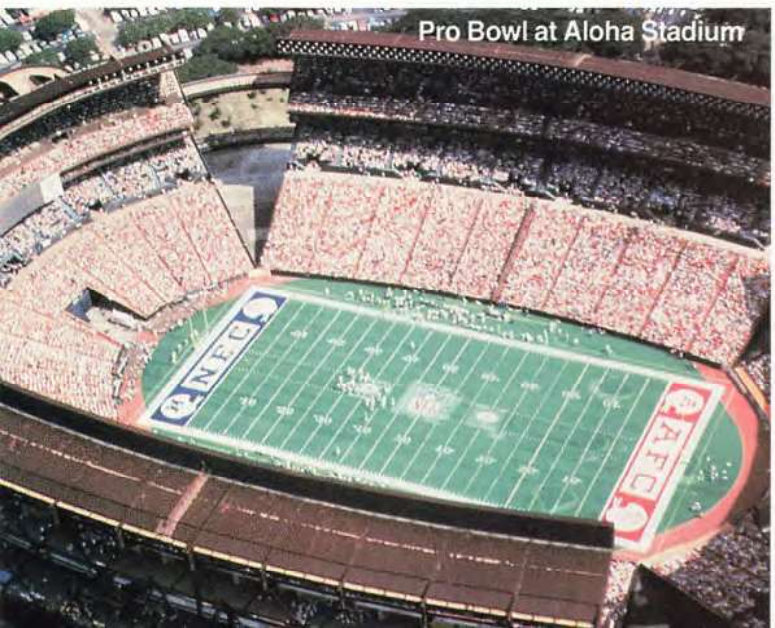

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WEEK 7

October 19

FOR SIX WEEKS, THE only suspense in the NFC's Central Division was whether or not the Chicago Bears would go unbeaten.

In the fifth week, the Minnesota Vikings, then 4-1, briefly loomed as challengers to the Super Bowl-champion Bears, who were not amused. They swatted the Vikings down 23-0.

Two weeks later, in week 7, the two teams had their rematch, and once again scoreboards around the NFL flashed a 23-0 score.

But this time it was the Vikings who had the 23.

Minnesota took that lead into the fourth quarter and wound up with an impressive 23-7 victory, snapping the Bears' 12-game, two-year winning streak, counting the playoffs. The win also moved the Vikings (5-2) to within a game of Chicago (6-1). It was the Bears' first loss in the division since late 1984.

It was a bad week all around for unbeaten teams. The NFL's only other perfect team, Denver of the AFC, fell behind the New York Jets 22-0 at halftime and lost 22-10.

Steve Grogan's passing led the Patriots to a 34-0 victory.

MALCOLM W. EMMONS

PAUL JASIENSKI

Detroit's James Jones fumbles at the Rams' goal line when hit by Johnnie Johnson. The Rams recovered.

The losing coaches had no excuses.

"They took it to us and shoved it down our throats," said the Bears' Mike Ditka.

"They controlled the line of scrimmage right from the start," said the Broncos' Dan Reeves.

The Bears had to play without quarterback Jim McMahon, who sat on his helmet on the sideline with back and shoulder injuries, while the Vikings sacked his replacement, Steve Fuller, seven times. Minnesota held Chicago to 190 yards.

Meanwhile, the Vikings ran and passed for 376 as Tommy Kramer threw touchdown bombs to Alfred Anderson (37 yards) and Anthony Carter (60) and ran 5 yards for another score.

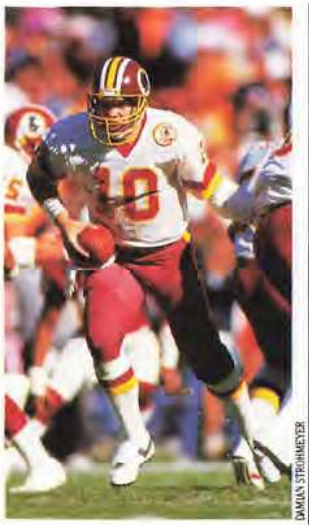
In New York, the Jets won their fifth game in a row as they held Denver to just two first downs and 24 yards in an almost perfect first half. They also sacked Broncos quarterback John Elway five times, including once for a safety by cornerback Bobby Humphery.

Pat Ryan, who was starting at quarterback in place of Ken O'Brien (injured knee), completed 9 of 10 passes to help build a 13-0 lead. Then, when Ryan bruised his ribs, O'Brien came off the bench to lob a 23-yard scoring pass to Wesley Walker. Pat Leahy helped out with two field goals, giving him 22 in a row.

Another hot AFC team, the Los Angeles Raiders, built a 30-14 lead at Miami and held on to defeat the Dolphins 30-28 for their fourth successive win. The Raiders had started the season 0-3.

Marcus Allen missed two days of practice with his slowly healing sprained ankle, but recovered enough to

Jay A-O.K. in D.C.



DAMIAN STROHMEYER

For Jay Schroeder, 13 was not an unlucky number.

The Washington Redskins' quarterback ran his 13-game record as the team's offensive leader to 11-2 when he threw three touchdown passes in a 28-21 victory over visiting St. Louis.

Nearing the halfway point of the season, the successor to Joe Theismann had Washington fans feeling as if the glory years of 1982 and 1983—when the 'Skins won 28 of 32 games and went to successive Super Bowls—were about to be repeated.

It's a remarkable success story.

Schroeder was sitting on the bench late in the 1985 season, having thrown just eight passes in his year-and-a-half-old career, when Theismann broke his right leg against the New York Giants. At the time, the Redskins were only 5-5.

Schroeder's first pass was a 44-yard collaboration with wide receiver Art Monk. Later in the game, he teamed with tight end Clint Didier on a game-winning 14-yard touchdown pass. Schroeder hasn't stopped since.

He led the Redskins to a 5-1 record down the stretch in 1985 and to a 6-1 start in 1986.

Now 25, Schroeder joined the Redskins in 1984 as the eighty-third player drafted. At UCLA, he had played sparingly at quarterback. Preferring to play baseball, he spent four years in the Toronto Blue Jays' farm system.

It took him awhile, but finally he has found the right profession.

PETER L. GROSH

Brian Noble (91) and the Packers had reason to cheer.

run for 96 yards, catch three passes, and score three touchdowns. In all, Los Angeles rushed for 214 yards and kept the ball for more than 37 minutes.

The Seattle Seahawks flipped Giants quarterback Phil Simms around, sacking him seven times and snapping New York's five-game winning streak 17-12.

End Jacob Green had four of the sacks, while cornerback Dave Brown intercepted two passes, including one on the Seahawks' 10 with 59 seconds left to save the victory.

Seahawks wide receiver Steve Largent made two catches to give him 650 in his career, as he passed Charley Taylor (649) for second place on the NFL's all-time list (San Diego's Charlie Joiner leads with 735).

While the Giants lost, NFC East rival Dallas squeezed past Philadelphia 17-14 on Rafael Septien's 38-yard, game-winning field goal with two seconds left. It was the eighth game-winning kick of Septien's career.

The Cowboys' defense assaulted Eagles quarterbacks Matt Cavanaugh and Randall Cunningham with 10 sacks. Defensive end Jim Jeffcoat led the way with 3½; safety

MARK RIBBY'S

QUOTE:

Eagles coach **Buddy Ryan,** after his team lost to Dallas 17-14:

"We played hard as hell and also dumb as hell."

RON ROSS

The Eagles had a hard time stopping Herschel Walker.

Bill Bates accounted for 2.

Atlanta and San Francisco played only the ninth tie since the NFL went to the overtime format in 1974 when they fought to a 10-10 standoff. The 49ers led 10-3 with time running out in regulation, but 5-foot 7-inch Sylvester Stamps caught a short pass from Dave Archer and dashed 39 yards for the tying touchdown with 1:33 left.

Neither team threatened in overtime.

The Rams were outgained by Detroit 372-200, but held on to nip the Lions 14-10. Safety Nolan Cromwell ran 80 yards with an interception for the first Rams touchdown, and Eric Dickerson rushed for 130 yards, including a 1-yard run for the second. □

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

YOUNG COMPANY

AFC defense: Lloyd Burruss

NICK FINE

NFC offense: Rueben Mayes

AFC OFFENSE—James Brooks, *running back, Cincinnati Bengals*
Brooks ran for 133 yards, caught six passes for 62, and scored two touchdowns, as the host Bengals defeated Houston 31-28 to take over sole possession of first place in the AFC Central.

AFC DEFENSE—Lloyd Burruss, *safety, Kansas City Chiefs*
Burruss intercepted three passes, returning two by San Diego quarterback Dan Fouts 56 and 47 yards for touchdowns, and made 12 tackles, as the Chiefs held off the visiting Chargers 42-41.

NFC OFFENSE—Rueben Mayes, *running back, New Orleans Saints*
Mayes, a rookie from Washington State, ran for 172 yards and two touchdowns, the second-best rushing day in Saints history, to lead New Orleans past Tampa Bay 38-7 at the Superdome.

NFC DEFENSE—Gerald Robinson, *end, Minnesota Vikings*
Robinson, a rookie from Auburn, led an aggressive Minnesota defense that sacked Chicago's Steve Fuller seven times in the host Vikings' 23-7 upset victory over the Bears. Robinson had 2½ sacks, plus six other tackles.

STANDINGS

AFC East	W	L	T
N.Y. Jets	6	1	0
New England	4	3	0
Buffalo	2	5	0
Miami	2	5	0
Indianapolis	0	7	0
AFC Central			
Cincinnati	5	2	0
Cleveland	4	3	0
Houston	1	6	0
Pittsburgh	1	6	0
AFC West			
Denver	6	1	0
Seattle	5	2	0
Kansas City	4	3	0
L.A. Raiders	4	3	0
San Diego	1	6	0

NFC East	W	L	T
Washington	6	1	0
Dallas	5	2	0
N.Y. Giants	5	2	0
Philadelphia	2	5	0
St. Louis	1	6	0
NFC Central			
Chicago	6	1	0
Minnesota	5	2	0
Detroit	3	4	0
Green Bay	1	6	0
Tampa Bay	1	6	0
NFC West			
Atlanta	5	1	1
L.A. Rams	5	2	0
San Francisco	4	2	1
New Orleans	3	4	0

SCORES

AFC
Buffalo 24, Indianapolis 13
Cincinnati 31, Houston 28
Kansas City 42, San Diego 41
L.A. Raiders 30, Miami 28
New England 34, Pittsburgh 0
N.Y. Jets 22, Denver 10

NFC
Dallas 17, Philadelphia 14
L.A. Rams 14, Detroit 10
Minnesota 23, Chicago 7
New Orleans 38, Tampa Bay 7
San Francisco 10, Atlanta 10 (OT)
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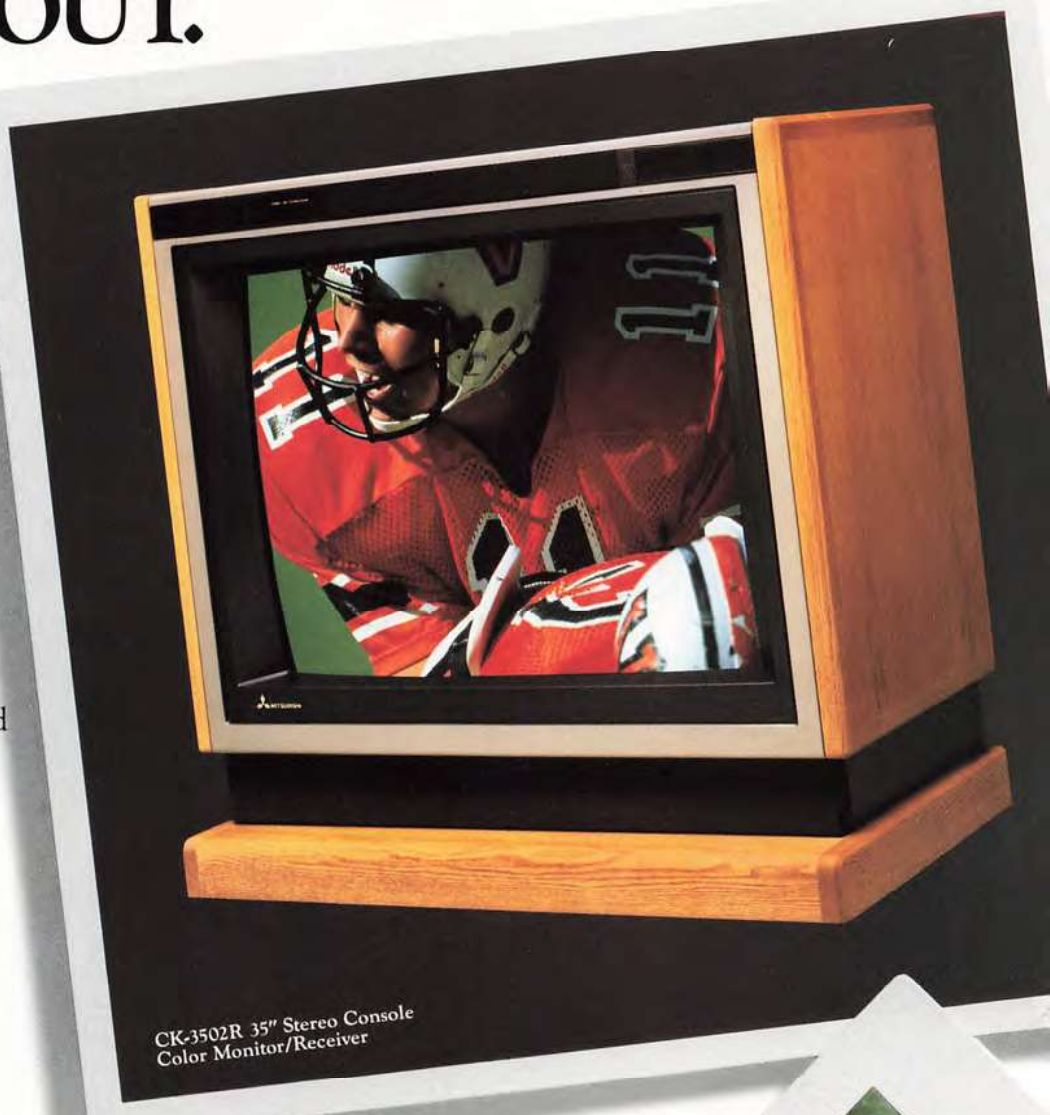

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WEEK 8

October 26

IT WAS A RAINY DAY IN New Jersey, but nothing could dampen the enthusiasm of the New York Jets, who remained the hottest team in the NFL.

They reached the halfway point of the season with a 7-1 record—the fastest start in club history—and stretched their winning streak to six in a row with a 28-23 victory over the New Orleans Saints.

Quarterback Ken O'Brien and wide receiver Al Toon played catch, as New York built a 28-6 lead and held off a 17-point, fourth-quarter rally by the Saints. O'Brien completed 20 of 32 passes for 258 yards and three touchdowns—all to Toon—that went 16, 62, and 6 yards.

On his 62-yard touchdown, Toon beat the halftime gun by 19 seconds, eluding three New Orleans tacklers.

"He's in a class by himself," said the Jets' other wide receiver, Wesley Walker. "Al is like a little guy with all those quick moves, yet he's able to break tackles time and time again."

Toon, the Jets' number-one draft choice in 1985, definitely is not a little guy at 6 feet 4 inches and 205 pounds. He caught six passes for 101 yards against the Saints.

PAUL JASIENSKI

Sammy Winder, who scored one touchdown, pulls away for some of his 83 yards rushing against Seattle.

The Los Angeles Raiders, who have their own winning streak with five in a row, also had a good day through the air. Marc Wilson and tight end Todd Christensen teamed for three touchdown passes in a 28-17 defeat of Houston. The Oilers continued going the other way. It was their seventh successive loss, and fourth at home.

Wilson threw four touchdown passes in all, with his scoring connections to Christensen going 14, 32, and 3 yards. The other scoring pass went 2 yards to reserve tight end Andy Parker.

The Raiders' defense sacked Houston quarterback Warren Moon six times, intercepted four of his passes, and deflected eight more.

The Chicago Bears rebounded from their lone loss to stifle Detroit 13-7 at Chicago, relying on their defense and kicker Kevin Butler, whose two field goals gave him 12 in a row.

The Bears (7-1) scored their only touchdown in the first quarter when linebacker Wilber Marshall sacked Detroit quarterback Eric Hipple, forced a fumble, picked it up, and ran 12 yards into the end zone.

Air Dickerson? Eric Throws One Up for Grabs

DAVID BOSS

Eric Dickerson, the NFL's leading rusher, was asked about the Los Angeles Rams' boring offense. Boring, according to the team's fans, is defined as being last in the league in passing.

Dickerson sounded amused.

"I know the offense we play is ho-ho-ho-hum at times," he said.

The all-pro running back was in a frisky mood after leading the Rams to their critical 14-7 victory over NFC West rival Atlanta at Anaheim Stadium.

The victory, avenging a 26-14 defeat two weeks earlier, left the run-happy Rams all alone in first place with a 6-2 record as the season reached its halfway point. Dickerson was excited about the victory, his 170 yards rushing (for an eight-game total of 1,030) and, yes, his passing.

With the Rams leading 7-0 in the second quarter, Los Angeles nose tackle Greg Meisner scooped up Gerald Riggs's fumble and returned it 15 yards to the Falcons' 15-yard line.

On first down, Dickerson took a handoff from quarterback Steve Dils and started around right end. But it wasn't a sweep, it was a rollout.

Up went Eric's right arm, away went the ball to tight end David Hill, who caught it in the end zone, and that was enough for the Rams to win the game.

"I think that's the most excited I've been since I've been here," Dickerson said of his touchdown pass.

"The guys teased me all week that I looked like a girl when I threw. Well, I knew it would work."

STANDINGS

AFC East	W	L	T
N.Y. Jets	7	1	0
New England	5	3	0
Miami	3	5	0
Buffalo	2	6	0
Indianapolis	0	8	0
AFC Central			
Cincinnati	5	3	0
Cleveland	5	3	0
Pittsburgh	2	6	0
Houston	1	7	0
AFC West			
Denver	7	1	0
Kansas City	5	3	0
L.A. Raiders	5	3	0
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NFC East	W	L	T
Dallas	6	2	0
N.Y. Giants	6	2	0
Washington	6	2	0
Philadelphia	3	5	0
St. Louis	1	7	0
NFC Central			
Chicago	7	1	0
Minnesota	5	3	0
Detroit	3	5	0
Green Bay	1	7	0
Tampa Bay	1	7	0
NFC West			
L.A. Rams	6	2	0
Atlanta	5	2	1
San Francisco	5	2	1
New Orleans	3	5	0

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Kansas City 27, Tampa Bay 20
New York Jets 28, New Orleans 23
Philadelphia 23, San Diego 7

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

AL KOOISTRA

JIM TURNER

AFC defense: John Offerdahl *NFC offense: Joe Morris*

AFC OFFENSE—John Elway, *quarterback, Denver Broncos*
Elway completed 18 of 32 passes for 321 yards and a touchdown as the Broncos improved their record to 7-1 with a 20-13 defeat of Seattle at Denver.
AFC DEFENSE—John Offerdahl, *linebacker, Miami Dolphins*
Offerdahl made 10 tackles, nine of them solos, and broke up three passes, as the Dolphins outlasted Indianapolis 17-13 at the Hoosier Dome. On fourth down with 22 seconds left, he tackled Colts fullback Owen Gill on the Miami 14, two yards short of a first down, to save the victory.
NFC OFFENSE—Joe Morris, *running back, New York Giants*
Morris rushed for 181 yards, caught five passes for 59, and scored on 11- and 13-yard runs, as the Giants won a 27-20 showdown with the Washington Redskins. Morris's 13-yard scoring run broke a 20-20 tie and won the game with 1:38 left.
NFC DEFENSE—Ronnie Lott, *safety, San Francisco 49ers*
Lott, the NFL's leading interceptor, picked off his seventh and eighth passes of the year and made 11 tackles in the 49ers' 31-17 defeat of Green Bay. He returned the first interception 18 yards to set up a touchdown, and took the second back 55 yards for a score to give San Francisco the lead for the first time, 21-14.

"We're going to get in a lot of dogfights," said Bears coach Mike Ditka. "I hope in the end that makes us a better dog."

There was a three-way tie for first in the NFC East among Dallas, Washington, and the New York Giants, all 6-2, after the Cowboys breezed past St. Louis 37-6, and the Giants trimmed the Redskins 27-20.

The Cowboys scored on seven of their first eight possessions under the leadership of Danny White and Steve Pelluer. White, who had missed three successive games with a hip injury, played only the first half but threw two touchdown passes. Pelluer completed 12 of his 16 attempts.

PAUL SPINELLI

Wide receiver Al Toon caught three touchdown passes from quarterback Ken O'Brien in a 28-6 Jets victory over New Orleans.

Herschel Walker picked up his first NFL 100-yard rushing day with 120 and two touchdowns at Texas Stadium.

The Giants opened a 20-3 lead on the Redskins at the Meadowlands, then were rocked by Jay Schroeder, who passed for 420 yards and forced a 20-20 tie. Eleven of Schroeder's passes went to wide receiver Gary Clark, who gained a club-record 241 yards, including a touchdown.

The Giants won the game with an 81-yard drive that culminated with just 1:38 left when 5-foot 7-inch Joe Morris, who rushed for 181, darted 13 yards for a touchdown.

Cleveland and Cincinnati were tied for first in the AFC Central Division after the Browns rallied to edge the Minnesota Vikings 23-20, and the Bengals were ravaged by Pittsburgh 30-9.

The Browns trailed the Vikings 17-3 at halftime in the Metrodome, but Minnesota's kicking game collapsed.

With Greg Coleman, the Vikings' regular punter, out with an injury, the Browns' Frank Minnifield blocked one punt, which safety Felix Wright returned 30 yards for a touchdown, and forced an 18-yard kick to set up another touchdown. Cleveland then recovered a fumbled kickoff (Wright fell on the ball), which led to Matt Bahr's game-winning, 22-yard field goal with 1:46 left.

The Browns gained only 199 yards, 106 of them on the ground by Curtis Dickey.

Pittsburgh played almost a perfect game at home against Cincinnati, as Earnest Jackson ran for 132 yards and a touchdown, Walter Abercrombie rushed for 109 yards, and Mark Malone passed for two touchdowns.

BILL AMATUCCI

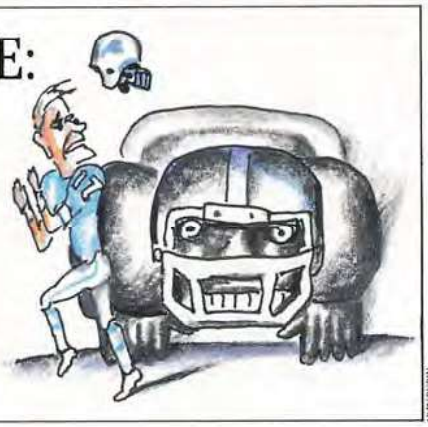
Earnest Jackson was half of Pittsburgh's one-two punch.

The New England Patriots treated Buffalo's Jim Kelly rudely, sacking him five times and intercepting two of his passes (and also stealing two from backup Frank Reich) in a 23-3 rout of the Bills at Buffalo. New England quarterback Tony Eason passed for 206 yards and scrambled for 55 more.

QUOTE:

Lions quarterback **Eric Hipple,** who was momentarily stunned when he was sacked by Bears linebacker Wilber Marshall:

"I got hit by a car when I was a kid, and that's what it felt like."


MARY RUBIN

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1986 REPLAY

WEEK 9

November 2

WINE IS AGED IN KEGS, but a game like this ages coaches right out in the open.

The host Washington Redskins, trying to stay in first place in the NFC East, survived three missed extra points, came from 12 points down in the last 5:16 to tie, and finally slipped past Minnesota in overtime 44-38.

"I feel like we've been playing for twelve hours . . . like we won, lost, won, lost, and won all at the same time," said Redskins coach Joe Gibbs.

Vikings coach Jerry Burns, whose team lost to Cleveland by a field goal in the last two minutes the previous week, was not only drained, he was depressed.

"It's a very tough loss to take," he said. "I thought we had it."

The Vikings, perhaps the league's most improved team in the first half of the season, got a marvelous game from quarterback Tommy Kramer, who passed for a team-record 490 yards and four touchdowns, including 67- and 76-yard bombs to wide receiver Leo Lewis and a 68-yard collaboration with tight end Steve Jordan.

STANDINGS

AFC East	W	L	T
N.Y. Jets	8	1	0
New England	6	3	0
Miami	4	5	0
Buffalo	2	7	0
Indianapolis	0	9	0
AFC Central			
Cincinnati	6	3	0
Cleveland	6	3	0
Pittsburgh	3	6	0
Houston	1	8	0
AFC West			
Denver	8	1	0
Kansas City	6	3	0
L.A. Raiders	5	4	0
Seattle	5	4	0
San Diego	1	8	0

NFC East	W	L	T
N.Y. Giants	7	2	0
Washington	7	2	0
Dallas	6	3	0
Philadelphia	3	6	0
St. Louis	2	7	0
NFC Central			
Chicago	7	2	0
Minnesota	5	4	0
Detroit	3	6	0
Tampa Bay	2	7	0
Green Bay	1	8	0
NFC West			
L.A. Rams	7	2	0
Atlanta	5	3	1
San Francisco	5	3	1
New Orleans	4	5	0

SCORES

AFC
Cleveland 24, Indianapolis 9
Denver 21, L.A. Raiders 10
Kansas City 24, San Diego 23
Miami 28, Houston 7
N.Y. Jets 38, Seattle 7
NFC
L.A. Rams 20, Chicago 17
New Orleans 23, San Francisco 10
N.Y. Giants 17, Dallas 14
St. Louis 13, Philadelphia 10
Washington 44, Minnesota 38 (OT)
Interconference
Cincinnati 24, Detroit 7
New England 25, Atlanta 17
Pittsburgh 27, Green Bay 3
Tampa Bay 34, Buffalo 28

But Washington's Jay Schroeder threw for 378 yards and two touchdowns of his own, while George Rogers ran for three touchdowns, including one from 40 yards.

Rogers's 2-yard touchdown tied the score 38-38 with 1:03 left in regulation. Then, 1:46 into overtime, Schroeder threw to wide receiver Gary Clark, who broke loose for the 38-yard touchdown that won the game.

The Redskins remained tied with the Giants at 7-2, as New York outlasted visiting Dallas, the third NFC East contender, 17-14.

The Giants' Joe Morris ran for exactly 181 yards for the second successive week, scoring both of his team's touchdowns. Meanwhile, New York's defense sacked Dallas quarterbacks Danny White and Steve Pelluer six times. On one sack, White suffered a fractured right wrist.

Pelluer almost pulled the game out, however, coming off the bench to throw for 339 yards. Herschel Walker caught nine passes for 148.

The Denver Broncos swept the season series with their fierce rivals, the Los Angeles Raiders, when they played take-away to stop the Raiders 21-10, snapping Los Angeles's five-game winning streak.

While a Coliseum sellout crowd of 90,153 booed Raiders quarterback Marc Wilson, the Broncos intercepted four of his passes and recovered two fumbles, one by Wilson, to run their record to 8-1.

Denver was outgained by 161 yards and had 14 fewer first downs, but John Elway put together 80- and 72-yard touchdown drives, during which he completed 11 of 12 passes to direct the victory.

The honor for Kicker of the Week went to the Rams'

ALVIN CHEUNG

The Denver defense smothered Marcus Allen, holding him to 71 yards on 22 carries, as the Broncos beat the Raiders.

QUOTE:

Patriots coach **Raymond Berry,** discussing a replay official's call that nullified an Atlanta touchdown in New England's 25-17 victory:

"That's the purpose of replay, to keep an injustice from happening—especially if the injustice is against us."

MARIO RUBIO

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

DAVID BOSS

AFC defense: Mike Harden

RICHARD GENTILE

NFC offense: Jay Schroeder

AFC OFFENSE—Ken O'Brien, *quarterback, New York Jets*
O'Brien shrugged off the flu to throw for 431 yards and four touchdowns in the Jets' 38-7 win at Seattle, their seventh victory in a row. He completed 26 of his 32 attempts, with no interceptions. Included were scoring bombs of 50 and 36 yards to Al Toon and 83 yards to Wesley Walker.

AFC DEFENSE—Mike Harden, *cornerback, Denver Broncos*
Harden intercepted two passes and made five tackles as the Broncos' defense stifled the host Los Angeles Raiders in Denver's 21-10 victory. His first interception, at the Broncos' 24, killed a Raiders drive, and he returned his second 40 yards for a touchdown to clinch the victory.

NFC OFFENSE—Jay Schroeder, *quarterback, Washington Redskins*
Schroeder passed for 378 yards and two touchdowns, including the game-winner to Gary Clark in overtime, as the Redskins rallied to defeat Minnesota 44-38 at RFK Stadium.

NFC DEFENSE—Rickey Jackson, *linebacker, New Orleans Saints*
Jackson made seven tackles, broke up two passes, had a sack to stop one 49ers drive, and recovered a fumble on the Saints' 13 to blunt another as host New Orleans upset San Francisco 23-10.

CHARLES AQUA VIVA

New Chargers coach Al Saunders lost in his debut.

Mike Lansford, who made a 50-yard field goal with four seconds left to give his club a 20-17 upset of the Bears on Monday night. The loss snapped Chicago's 14-game home winning streak.

Once again the Rams' defense led the way. Cornerback Jerry Gray stole a pass to set up an earlier field goal by Lansford, and cornerback LeRoy Irvin returned a fumble by punter Maury Buford 22 yards for a touchdown.

The Bears played without injured quarterback Jim McMahon and lost Walter Payton with a dislocated toe in the third quarter, although Thomas Sanders came in to run 10 and 34 yards for touchdowns.

Falcons coach Dan Henning was fuming after his team lost a touchdown on an instant-replay decision following a lengthy review in a 25-17 loss at New England.

The Patriots also benefitted from four field goals by Tony Franklin and a 59-yard touchdown by Irving Fryar on a punt return.

Nick Lowery ruined the debut of Chargers coach Al Saunders, who had replaced Don Coryell during the week, by kicking a 37-yard field goal with seven seconds left to give the Kansas City Chiefs a 24-23 victory in San Diego.

Cleveland and Cincinnati stayed in a first-place tie in the AFC Central with victories on the road.

The Bengals' Larry Kinnebrew blasted a yard for the winning touchdown with 40 seconds left in a 24-17 defeat of Detroit. The score was set up by a 49-yard pass-interference call that put the ball on the Detroit 11.

JOHN SANDHAUS

Tony Collins scored on a pass from Tony Eason.

Cleveland, meanwhile, got three touchdown passes from Bernie Kosar and sacked Indianapolis rookie quarterback Jack Trudeau seven times as the Browns downed the Colts 24-9. □

Saints Find a Star

JOHN SANDHAUS

Leading the San Francisco 49ers 7-0, the New Orleans Saints found themselves on the 49ers' 27. They called on rookie running back Rueben Mayes.

The play was a sweep to the right, but Mayes ran into a crowd of San Francisco players. So he simply reversed his field and ran 27 yards to the left for a touchdown.

The run was a big factor in New Orleans's 23-10 surprise of San Francisco, which gave the team three wins in its last four games. Mayes rushed for more than 100 yards in all three games, including 128 against the 49ers.

"You see a lot of bodies out there, and you just cut it back," said Mayes after the game. "It's instinct."

Mayes's instincts were outstanding the first nine weeks of the season, as he rushed for 606 yards to lead all rookies, averaging 5.4 yards a carry.

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1986 REPLAY

WEEK 10

November 9

IT WAS THE UPSET OF the season.

The game matched Denver, 8-1 and playing at home, against San Diego, 1 and 8 and buried in an eight-game losing streak. The Broncos were considered more than two touchdown favorites, and that even seemed kind.

Naturally, the Chargers won.

Led by Al Saunders, in his second game as head coach, San Diego controlled the ball for 36 minutes with short runs and passes and won 9-3 on three field goals by Rolf Benirschke. On their field-goal drives, the Chargers used up more than 25 minutes.

"We were on a mission today, and there was no stopping us," said safety Vencie Glenn, whose end-zone interception of a pass by John Elway with 24 seconds left blunted Denver's last bid for victory.

Jeff Dale, Glenn's sidekick at safety, intercepted Elway twice, returning the first 39 yards to snuff out a scoring threat, and the second 50 yards to set up the final field goal.

On offense, third-string quarterback Tom Flick, who was playing in place of injured Dan Fouts and Mark Herrmann, completed 16 of 22 passes.

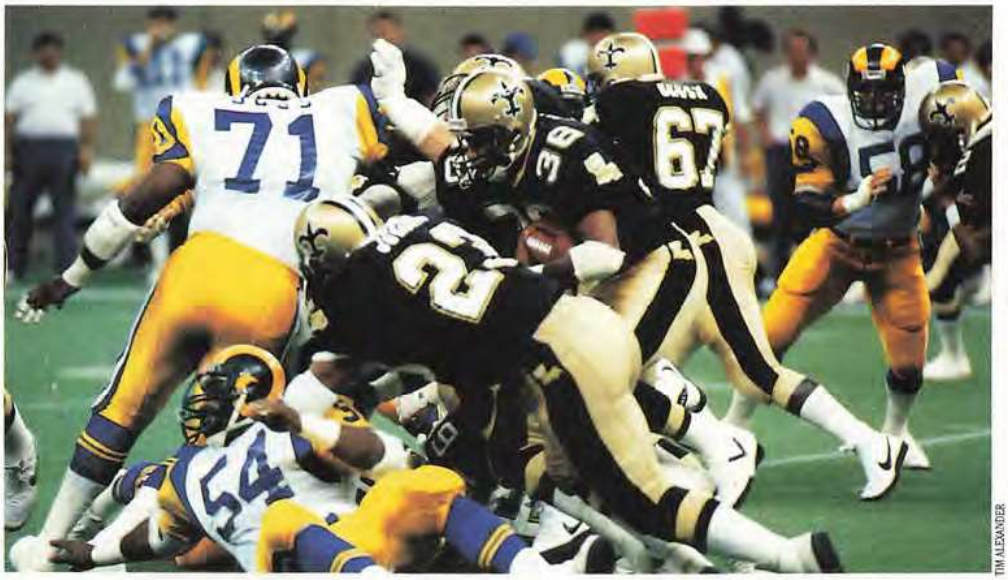
"Football is fun again," Flick said. "I'm euphoric."

There were two other notable upsets, as New Orleans made it four victories in five weeks by shutting out the Los Angeles Rams 6-0, and Houston, another 1-8 team, held off Cincinnati 32-28.

The Saints swarmed all over the NFL's leading rusher, Eric Dickerson of the Rams, holding him to 57 yards on 21 carries, while Morten Andersen kicked 20- and 22-yard field goals. In Houston, the Oilers snapped their eight-game losing streak, but not without a lot of nervous moments.

Warren Moon passed for 310 yards and a touchdown and directed the Oilers to 19-0 halftime and 29-7 third-quarter leads, before Cincinnati's Boomer Esiason threw three touchdown passes, two to James Brooks, to trim the score to 29-28. Tony Zendejas kicked a 46-yard field goal, his fourth of the day, to give Houston its final margin with 26 seconds left.

The Jets remained the hottest team in the NFL and Ken O'Brien remained the hottest quarterback as New York grabbed a 28-0 lead and defeated Atlanta 28-14. It gave the Jets (9-1) eight victories in a row. O'Brien, the NFL's top-rated passer, completed 26 of 33 for 322 yards. He also broke Joe Namath's team record of 15 successive completions when he hit 17 in a row. Included in O'Brien's air assault were 46- and 16-yard touchdown passes



TIM ALEXANDER

Rueben Mayes (38) outrushed the Rams' Eric Dickerson as New Orleans pulled off a 6-0 NFC West upset.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

AL MESSERSCHMIDT

AFC offense: Bernie Kosar

TIM ALEXANDER

NFC defense: Bruce Clark

AFC OFFENSE—Bernie Kosar, *quarterback, Cleveland Browns*
Kosar passed for 401 yards to tie Otto Graham for the second-best total in Browns history as Cleveland took over sole possession of first place in the AFC Central Division with a 26-16 defeat of Miami. He completed 32 of his 50 attempts, with no interceptions, and had three potential touchdown passes dropped.

AFC DEFENSE—Jeff Dale, *safety, San Diego Chargers*
Dale intercepted two passes, returned them 89 yards, and made three tackles to help lead the Chargers to a shocking 9-3 upset of once-beaten Denver.

NFC OFFENSE—Joe Montana, *quarterback, San Francisco 49ers*
Returning to the lineup less than two months after back surgery, Montana threw three touchdown passes to Jerry Rice and passed for 270 yards in all as the 49ers breezed past St. Louis 43-17.

NFC DEFENSE—Bruce Clark, *defensive end, New Orleans Saints*
Clark had six tackles, including two sacks, and recovered a fumble as the resurgent Saints shut out the Los Angeles Rams 6-0.

WEEK 10

STANDINGS

AFC East	W	L	T
N.Y. Jets	9	1	0
New England	7	3	0
Miami	4	6	0
Buffalo	3	7	0
Indianapolis	0	10	0
AFC Central			
Cleveland	7	3	0
Cincinnati	6	4	0
Pittsburgh	3	7	0
Houston	2	8	0
AFC West			
Denver	8	2	0
Kansas City	7	3	0
L.A. Raiders	6	4	0
Seattle	5	5	0
San Diego	2	8	0

NFC East	W	L	T
N.Y. Giants	8	2	0
Washington	8	2	0
Dallas	6	4	0
Philadelphia	3	7	0
St. Louis	2	8	0
NFC Central			
Chicago	8	2	0
Minnesota	6	4	0
Detroit	3	7	0
Tampa Bay	2	8	0
Green Bay	1	9	0
NFC West			
L.A. Rams	7	3	0
San Francisco	6	3	1
Atlanta	5	4	1
New Orleans	5	5	0

SCORES

AFC
Buffalo 16, Pittsburgh 12
Cleveland 26, Miami 16
Houston 32, Cincinnati 28
Kansas City 27, Seattle 7
New England 30, Indianapolis 21
San Diego 9, Denver 3
NFC
Chicago 23, Tampa Bay 3
Minnesota 24, Detroit 10
New Orleans 6, L.A. Rams 0
N.Y. Giants 17, Philadelphia 14
San Francisco 43, St. Louis 17
Washington 16, Green Bay 7
Interconference
L.A. Raiders 17, Dallas 13
N.Y. Jets 28, Atlanta 14

to Wesley Walker and a 59-yarder to Al Toon, all in the second quarter when O'Brien was 13 for 13.

"Over the years I've played with a lot of quarterbacks," Walker said. "No one throws like he can."

Also throwing well was New England's Tony Eason, whose two third-quarter scoring passes pulled the visiting Patriots ahead of the winless Colts in their 30-21 defeat of Indianapolis. The Colts had assumed a 14-3 lead, but the Patriots, who won their fourth in a row, intercepted four passes by Jack Trudeau, two by linebacker Steve Nelson and two more by cornerback Ronnie Lippett.

In Dallas, Jim Plunkett (who will be 39 on December 5) rallied the Raiders when he replaced struggling Marc Wilson at quarterback to start the second half, and threw 20- and 40-yard touchdown passes to Dokie Williams, as Los Angeles beat the Cowboys 17-13.

In a game with 11 turnovers, six by Dallas, the Raiders intercepted Cowboys quarterback Steve Pelluer five times, including two by safety Vann McElroy. The surprising Kansas City Chiefs remained a game ahead of the Raiders and one behind Denver in the AFC West with a 27-7 defeat of Seattle.

The Chiefs' Bill Kenney threw two interceptions in his first four attempts, but rebounded to fire three touchdown passes as Kansas City won its fourth in a row. The Chiefs' defense held Seattle to 133 total yards.

Even a dislocated toe couldn't keep the Bears' Walter Payton from his 162nd consecutive start as he led Chicago to a 23-3 defeat of Tampa Bay. Payton ran for 139 yards and caught three passes for 69 more, including a 57-yard burst with a screen pass to set up a score.

"I was in pain all day," he admitted later.

The Giants and Redskins stayed tied for first in the NFC East as New York stopped Philadelphia 17-14, and Washington slipped past Green Bay 16-7.

The Giants' Joe Morris scored two touchdowns and ran for 111 yards, his fourth successive 100-yard game. Linebacker Lawrence Taylor had three of New York's seven sacks of Eagles quarterbacks. □

QUOTE:

MARY RUBIN

Cowboys running back **Tony Dorsett**, after his team had six turnovers and two touchdowns nullified by penalties in a loss to the Raiders:

"I don't want to call us Santa Claus yet, but we've definitely been forty-five of his helpers."

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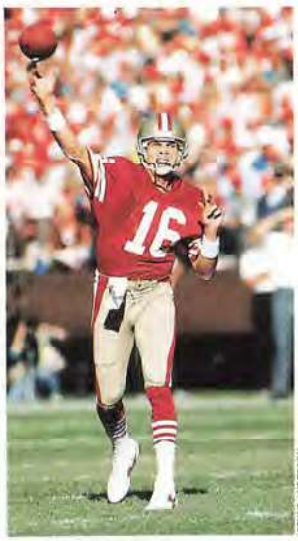

ARTHUR ANDERSON

On September 15, 49ers quarterback Joe Montana underwent a two-hour operation on his back. The team's orthopedic specialist said he might never play football again. Bill Walsh, the team's coach, said at least he might not play again in 1986.

But on November 9, in the tenth game of the 1986 season, Montana was back at quarterback and passing the 49ers to a 43-17 rout of the St. Louis Cardinals.

Throwing as well as if he'd missed one game with the flu instead of eight games rehabilitating from back surgery, Montana teamed with wide receiver Jerry Rice on 45-, 40-, and 44-yard scoring passes. In all, he hit 13 of 19 for 270 yards.

Montana wore a flak jacket. After the game, he said he had experienced no pain.

"And I was hit often enough to test the back," he said.

His teammates, in a rugged, four-way fight for the NFC Western Division title, were thrilled about Joe's return. "Joe Montana is a once-in-a-lifetime quarterback," said cornerback Tory Nixon. "His playing lifted our whole team."

JOHN BIEVER

Kelvin Bryant (24) rushed for 35 yards and scored on a 6-yard pass from Jay Schroeder as Washington beat Green Bay.

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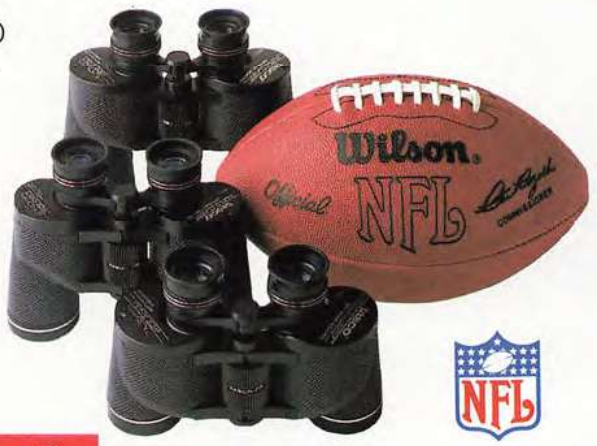

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1986 REPLAY

WEEK 11

November 16

YOU KNOW LIFE HAS done a flip-flop when the New Orleans Saints start apologizing for not winning easily enough.

At the start of the 1986 season, the Saints were the only team in the NFL that never had had a winning season. But in week 11 they raised their record to 6-5 and moved into the playoff picture with a 16-7 defeat of the St. Louis Cardinals.

The victory was the Saints' fifth in six weeks and left them just a game out of first in the NFC West as the Rams, 49ers, and Falcons all lost.

"I don't think we played up to our potential," said coach Jim Mora. "But you have to win some games when you don't play that well."

Rookie Rueben Mayes led the way for New Orleans by rushing for 131 yards, while Morten Andersen kicked three field goals.

The week's most dramatic game took place in Anaheim, where the Los Angeles Rams found a new quarterback, 6-foot, 5-inch Jim Everett, who made a dazzling NFL debut. But while the Rams were celebrating the arrival of Everett, Tony Eason

TOM CROKE

New England's Irving Fryar (80) grabs a Stanley Morgan-tipped Hail Mary pass from Tony Eason to beat the Rams 30-28.

and the New England Patriots stole the game 30-28.

Everett made his first pro appearance early in the second quarter with the Rams trailing 13-0. He threw three touchdown passes, including 34- and 20-yard strikes to wide receiver Henry Ellard, to give his team a 28-16 lead in the fourth quarter.

But Eason produced 58- and 87-yard scoring drives of his own, capping both with touchdown passes to wide receiver Irving Fryar.

The winning score came with no time left on the clock when Eason lobbed the ball 25 yards to the back of the end zone, where wide receiver Stanley Morgan came out of a crowd of Patriots and Rams to tip the ball to Fryar.

The Patriots won their fifth game in a row, but remained two games behind the New York Jets in the AFC East. The Jets forced six turnovers to stop winless Indianapolis 31-16 for their ninth successive victory.

Ken O'Brien threw three touchdown passes to wide receiver Wesley Walker, while running back Freeman

QUOTE:

MARK RUBIN

Broncos running back Gerald Willhite discussing his 70-yard punt return for a touchdown against Kansas City:

"I just didn't want to fall down like I always seem to do. I stayed on my feet for the first time in my life."

Giants Get Allegre Up on the Competition

PAUL SPINELLI

After three successful seasons with the Colts, kicker Raul Allegre was waived before the 1986 season following a battle over his contract.

It was a stroke of good luck for the New York Giants.

New York's regular kicker, Ali Haji-Sheikh, was hurt during the preseason and went on injured reserve (he's now with Atlanta), and the Giants tried two more kickers before they signed Allegre as a free agent after their third game.

In week 11, Allegre hit five field goals, including the 33-yard game winner with 12 seconds left, to give the Giants a 22-20 defeat of Minnesota that boosted New York's record to 9-2.

"I feel like I'm involved in the team now," said Allegre, who has made 15 of his 21 field-goal attempts this season. "I'm getting to know my teammates better, and now I feel like I've made a contribution. It's very gratifying."

Allegre graduated from the University of Texas as an honors student with a degree in civil engineering. He sees a similarity between classes and kicking under pressure.

"I prepare myself all week for situations like this," he said. "It's just like taking a test."

McNeil gained 104 yards.

It was a costly victory for New York, however, as AFC Pro Bowl defensive end Mark Gastineau became the team's fourth defensive starter to be sidelined when he hurt a knee and underwent arthroscopic surgery the day after the game, joining injured Pro Bowl linebacker Lance Mehl, Pro Bowl nose tackle Joe Klecko, and defensive end Marty Lyons.

In Washington, the San Francisco 49ers outgained the Redskins 501-266, but set a team record for penalties with 15 and lost 14-6.

A total of 100 passes were thrown, 60 by San Francisco's Joe Montana, which helped make it the longest Monday night game ever—3 hours and 53 minutes. Montana completed 33 of his 60 attempts for 441 yards, but none went for touchdowns.

Washington's George Rogers rushed for 104 yards and scored a touchdown.

Four quarterbacks threw 50 or more passes in week 11, including Dan Marino, who sizzled with 39 completions in 54 attempts for 404 yards and four touchdowns to four different receivers as Miami rallied to beat Buffalo 34-24.

Denver moved two games ahead in the AFC West by brushing back a challenge for the division lead from the Kansas City Chiefs 38-17.

GEORGE ROSE

Raiders fans show their preference for quarterback Jim Plunkett, who led a 27-14 victory over Cleveland.

Punter Chris Norman threw a 43-yard touchdown pass to cornerback (that's right, cornerback) Steve Wilson on a fourth-and-19 play, and Gerald Willhite scored three touchdowns, one on a 70-yard punt return to lead the Broncos' victory.

In Los Angeles, Jim Plunkett took over from Marc Wilson as the Raiders' starting quarterback and directed a 27-14 defeat of the Cleveland Browns, the team's seventh win in eight weeks. Plunkett threw three touchdown passes, including bombs of 46 and 43 yards to Dokie Williams. On defense, the Raiders sacked Bernie Kosar six times.

Although Steve Pelluer of Dallas was sacked 11 times by the Chargers, he got up to direct the 61-yard, game-winning drive and scored the decisive touchdown with 1:37 left as the Cowboys edged San Diego 24-21. Chargers rookie defensive end Leslie O'Neal had 5 of the 11 sacks to set a club record.

The Cowboys' Tony Dorsett ran for 76 yards, which boosted him past John Riggins into fourth place on the all-time NFL rushing list with 11,359 yards.

The Chicago Bears held Atlanta to 159 yards to hand the Falcons their fourth loss in a row, 13-10. Atlanta also lost quarterback Dave Archer for the season when he suffered a shoulder separation. □

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

GEORGE ROBARGE

AFC offense: Tony Eason

CHARLES AQUA VIVA

NFC defense: Too Tall Jones

AFC OFFENSE—Tony Eason, *quarterback, New England Patriots*
Eason threw a game-winning 25-yard touchdown pass with no time left as the Patriots rallied to stun the Los Angeles Rams 30-28. He also scrambled 26 yards to set up the final score, passed for one other touchdown, and completed 36 of 52 attempts (both team records) for 375 yards.

AFC DEFENSE—Louis Breeden, *cornerback, Cincinnati Bengals*
Breeden intercepted two passes, returning one 36 yards for a touchdown, and made four tackles as the Bengals breezed past Seattle 34-7.

NFC OFFENSE—Jerry Rice, *wide receiver, San Francisco 49ers*
Although the 49ers lost to Washington 14-6, Rice was spectacular, catching a team-record-equaling 12 passes for 204 yards. In the first 11 weeks, he had 61 receptions for 1,234 yards and 12 touchdowns.

NFC DEFENSE—Ed (Too Tall) Jones, *end, Dallas Cowboys*
Jones made 10 tackles, including three sacks of Dan Fouts, as the Cowboys rallied to defeat San Diego 24-21.

OWEN SHAW

San Diego's Gary Plummer (50) deals Dallas quarterback Steve Pelluer one of 11 sacks he suffered, but Dallas won.

STANDINGS

AFC East	W	L	T
N.Y. Jets	10	1	0
New England	8	3	0
Miami	5	6	0
Buffalo	3	8	0
Indianapolis	0	11	0
AFC Central			
Cincinnati	7	4	0
Cleveland	7	4	0
Pittsburgh	4	7	0
Houston	2	9	0
AFC West			
Denver	9	2	0
Kansas City	7	4	0
L.A. Raiders	7	4	0
Seattle	5	6	0
San Diego	2	9	0

NFC East	W	L	T
N.Y. Giants	9	2	0
Washington	9	2	0
Dallas	7	4	0
Philadelphia	3	8	0
St. Louis	2	9	0
NFC Central			
Chicago	9	2	0
Minnesota	6	5	0
Detroit	4	7	0
Green Bay	2	9	0
Tampa Bay	2	9	0
NFC West			
L.A. Rams	7	4	0
San Francisco	6	4	1
New Orleans	6	5	0
Atlanta	5	5	1

SCORES

AFC
Cincinnati 34, Seattle 7
Denver 38, Kansas City 17
L.A. Raiders 27, Cleveland 14
Miami 34, Buffalo 24
N.Y. Jets 31, Indianapolis 16
Pittsburgh 21, Houston 10
NFC
Chicago 13, Atlanta 10
Detroit 13, Philadelphia 11
Green Bay 31, Tampa Bay 7
New Orleans 16, St. Louis 7
N.Y. Giants 22, Minnesota 20
Washington 14, San Francisco 6
Interconference
Dallas 24, San Diego 21
New England 30, L.A. Rams 28

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1986 REPLAY

WEEK 12

November 20

BASED ON HIS 1986 AVerage, if Miami's Dan Marino faced the New York Jets every week of the season, he would throw 80 touchdown passes.

In September, Marino exploited New York for six scoring passes, but the Dolphins lost 51-45 in overtime.

In November, the Jets were 10-1 and zipping along on a nine-game winning streak when Marino threw four more touchdown passes as the Dolphins again scored 45 points. Shockingly, the Jets got only three in a Monday night game at Miami.

Marino's task was made easier by the absence of four Jets defensive starters, including the entire defensive line of Joe Klecko, Mark Gastineau, and Marty Lyons, and linebacker Lance Mehl. The Dolphins' quarterback was not sacked. He completed 29 of 36 passes, with two of his four touchdown throws going to Nat Moore.

The Dolphins, last in the NFL in rushing, controlled the ball for more than 40 minutes. Miami gained 189 yards on the ground, including 148 from Lorenzo Hampton, who ran 54 yards for the game's first touchdown and scored three times.

Miami's defense, which was ranked twenty-seventh after 11 weeks, chipped in by forcing four Jets turnovers.

"I always felt we were better than our record indicated [5-6 before the game]," said Dolphins coach Don Shula. "But we never proved it. Tonight we proved it."

Suddenly, the Jets had only a one-game lead in the AFC East as the New England Patriots won their sixth in a row, coming from behind to edge luckless Buffalo.

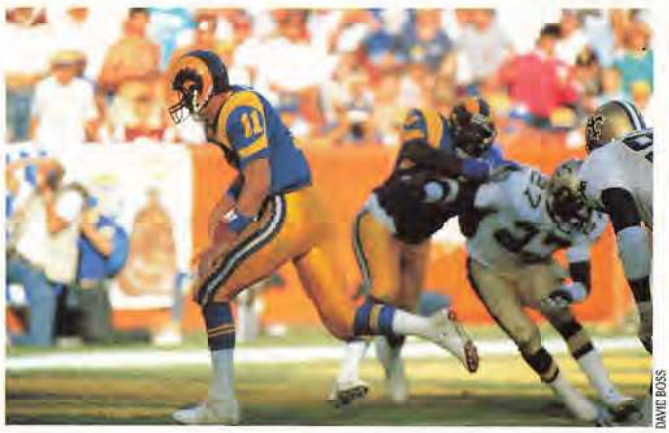
The Bills, who trailed 15-0 at one point, went ahead 19-15 on Jim Kelly's 31-yard scoring pass to running back Robb Riddick with 2:50 left. But New England's Tony Eason retaliated by completing five successive passes on a 60-yard drive, including the 13-yard game-winner with 1:40 left to rookie tight end Greg Baty.

The New York Giants and Washington Redskins stayed tied for first in the NFC East with 10-2 records. New York won the hard way, as usual, and Washington won in a surprising breeze.

The Giants made it five victories in a row—the last four by a total of 11 points—as Raul Allegre kicked a 34-yard field goal with six seconds left to beat Denver 19-16. Allegre, who kicked a 33-yarder with 12 seconds left to beat Minnesota the previous week, hit four field goals against the Broncos.

The Redskins, who had lost three in a row to Dallas, made up for a lot of frustra-

The Rams' heralded rookie quarterback, Jim Everett, finally made his starting debut, and is shown running for a touchdown as Los Angeles ran past New Orleans 26-13.



DAVID BOSS

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

TONY TOMSIC

AFC offense: Bernie Kosar

DAVID BOSS

NFC defense: Nolan Cromwell

AFC OFFENSE—Bernie Kosar, *quarterback, Cleveland Browns*
Kosar fired a 36-yard touchdown pass to rookie wide receiver Webster Slaughter in overtime to lead the host Browns past Pittsburgh 37-31, a victory that kept the Browns tied for first in the AFC Central. For the afternoon, Kosar completed 28 of 46 passes for a career-high 414 yards and two scores; Slaughter had six catches for 134 yards.

AFC DEFENSE—Jacob Green, *defensive end, Seattle Seahawks*
Green made eight tackles, including three sacks of Randall Cunningham, as the Seahawks downed visiting Philadelphia 24-20 to snap a four-game losing streak. In all, Seattle rushers sacked Cunningham nine times, a Seahawks record.

NFC OFFENSE—Gary Clark, *wide receiver, Washington Redskins*
Clark caught eight passes from quarterback Jay Schroeder for 152 yards and a touchdown as the host Redskins destroyed Dallas 42-14.

NFC DEFENSE—Nolan Cromwell, *safety, Los Angeles Rams*
Cromwell intercepted two passes, forced a fumble, and made five tackles as the Rams won a 26-13 showdown with New Orleans at Anaheim Stadium. Cromwell's forced fumble set up a touchdown, while his first interception and 21-yard return set up a field goal.

STANDINGS

AFC East	W	L	T
N.Y. Jets	10	2	0
New England	9	3	0
Miami	6	6	0
Buffalo	3	9	0
Indianapolis	0	12	0
AFC Central			
Cincinnati	8	4	0
Cleveland	8	4	0
Pittsburgh	4	8	0
Houston	3	9	0
AFC West			
Denver	9	3	0
L.A. Raiders	8	4	0
Kansas City	7	5	0
Seattle	6	6	0
San Diego	2	10	0

NFC East	W	L	T
N.Y. Giants	10	2	0
Washington	10	2	0
Dallas	7	5	0
Philadelphia	3	9	0
St. Louis	3	9	0
NFC Central			
Chicago	10	2	0
Minnesota	6	6	0
Detroit	5	7	0
Green Bay	2	10	0
Tampa Bay	2	10	0
NFC West			
L.A. Rams	8	4	0
San Francisco	7	4	1
New Orleans	6	6	0
Atlanta	5	6	1

SCORES

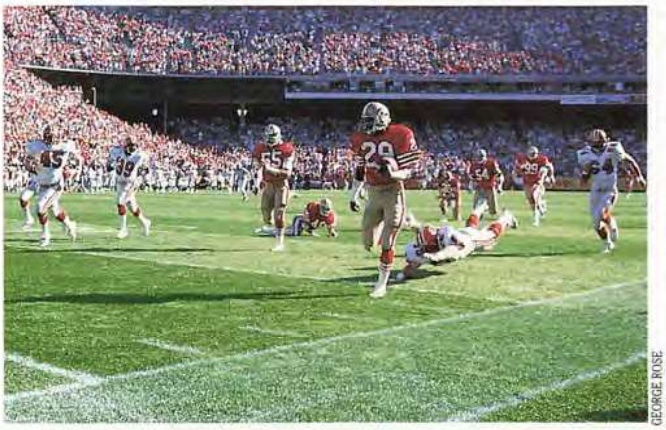
AFC
Cleveland 37, Pittsburgh 31 (OT)
Houston 31, Indianapolis 17
L. A. Raiders 37, San Diego 31
Miami 45, N.Y. Jets 3
New England 22, Buffalo 19
NFC
Chicago 12, Green Bay 10
Detroit 38, Tampa Bay 17
L.A. Rams 26, New Orleans 13
San Francisco 20, Atlanta 0
Washington 41, Dallas 14
Interconference
Cincinnati 24, Minnesota 20
N.Y. Giants 19, Denver 16
St. Louis 23, Kansas City 14
Seattle 24, Philadelphia 20

QUOTE:

MARK RUBIN

Giants defensive lineman **George Martin,** discussing his 78-yard interception return for a touchdown against Denver:

"When I caught the ball, it was a bright, sunny day. By the time I got to the end zone it was partly cloudy."



GEORGE ROSE

Don Griffin of the 49ers is all by himself as the last defender misses and Griffin completes a 76-yard punt return in a 20-0 victory over Atlanta.

JOHN McDONOUGH

Raiders' Lester Hayes (37) blocks Ralf Mojsiejenko's punt.

tion with a 41-14 rout of the Cowboys. At halftime, Washington led 34-0 and had a 336-43 edge in total yards.

Jay Schroeder passed for 325 yards and two touchdowns, including a 71-yard score to tight end Clint Didier. Dallas running backs Tony Dorsett and Herschel Walker were held to a combined 18 yards on 14 carries.

The Los Angeles Raiders made it eight victories in the last nine weeks with a 37-31 overtime victory at San Diego. The Raiders were coasting 31-10 when Mark Herrmann came off the Chargers' bench to direct three touchdown drives for a 31-31 tie at the end of regulation.

But, 8:33 into overtime, Marcus Allen, who was running on a sore ankle, broke outside and ran through several tacklers on a 28-yard touchdown play to win it.

Jim Plunkett passed for 348 yards and two touchdowns. Tight end Todd Christensen caught 11 passes for 173 yards and a score. Raiders cornerback Lester Hayes blocked a punt that led to a touchdown, set up a field goal with an interception, and returned a fumble 39 yards for a score.

Injury-plagued Jim McMahon played for the first time in a month for the Chicago Bears, but they continued to struggle on offense, edging visiting Green Bay 12-10 on Kevin Butler's 32-yard field goal with 2:37 left. McMahon was reinjured when Packers nose tackle Charles Martin slammed him to the ground, was assessed a personal-foul penalty, and was ejected. McMahon was lost for the season with a shoulder injury.

Cincinnati and Minnesota both scored on their first three possessions, as the Bengals took a 21-17 lead. Then the game settled down, and Cincinnati held on to win 24-20.

The San Francisco 49ers handed Atlanta its fifth successive loss, 20-0, on Roger Craig's 101 yards rushing, Don Griffin's 76-yard scoring punt return, and Jerry Rice's thirteenth touchdown catch, a team record. □

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In 1984, 25-year-old Neil Lomax quarterbacked the St. Louis Cardinals to a 9-7 record and earned a trip to the AFC-NFC Pro Bowl. He passed for 4,614 yards and 28 touchdowns that year, the fourth-highest yardage total in league history.

Two years later, that season was just a memory when Lomax, with seven touchdown passes in nine weeks, was benched with the Cardinals' record at 2-7. The unwanted vacation snapped his streak of starts at 52 in a row, which had been the longest active string among quarterbacks in the NFL.

So the Cardinals' six-year veteran sat and watched while his replacement, Cliff Stoudt, threw six interceptions in the next two games, both losses.

In week 12, Lomax found himself back in the lineup against playoff hopeful Kansas City.

It was a happy return. Lomax threw three touchdown passes, two to wide receiver J.T. Smith, and got the Cardinals off to a 23-0 lead. They won 23-14.

"I had a good time today," Lomax said after the game. "I'd be lying if I said there wasn't some extra pressure on us all, especially me. But the whole team played well."

Coach Gene Stallings was pleased, too.

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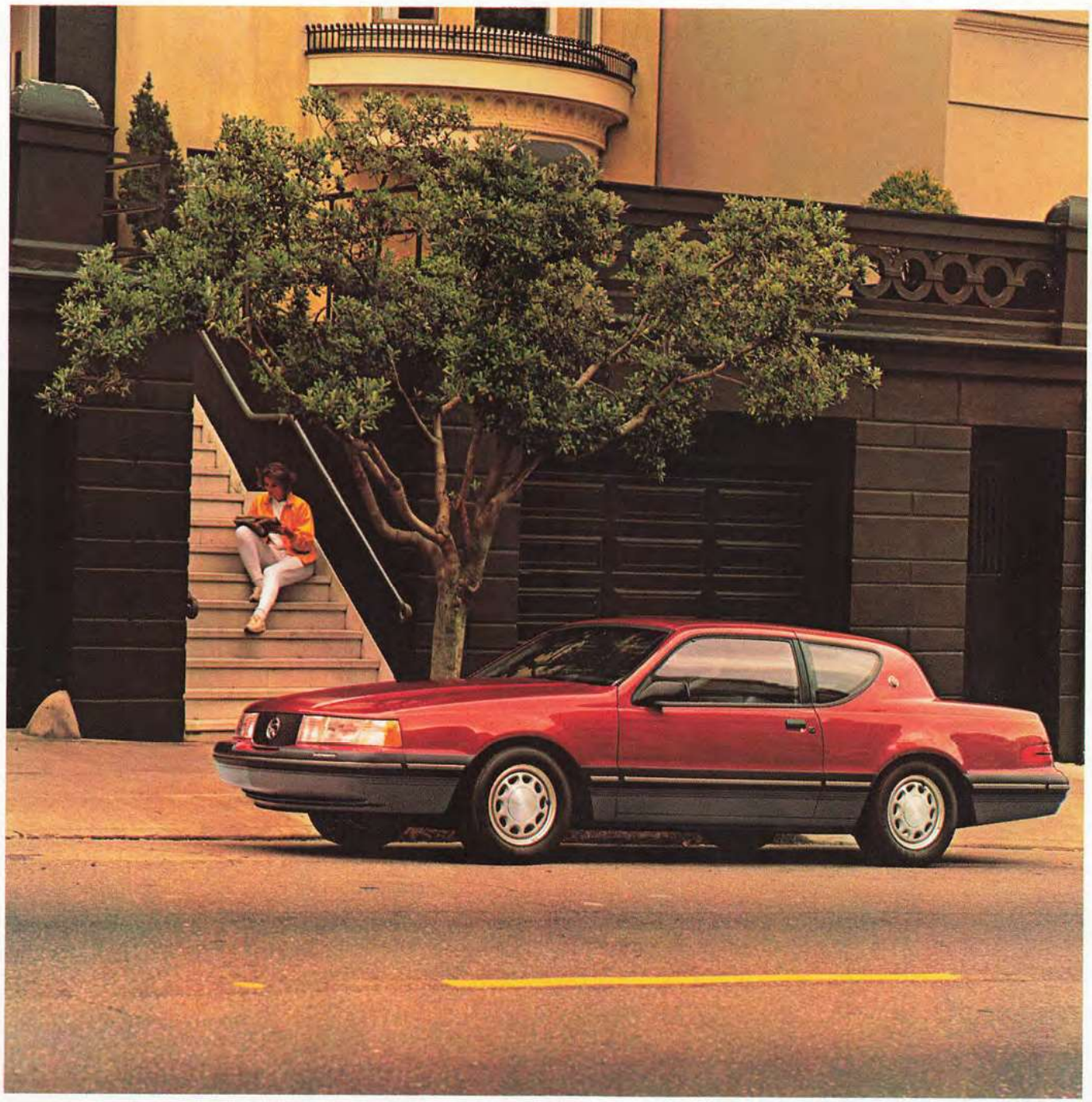

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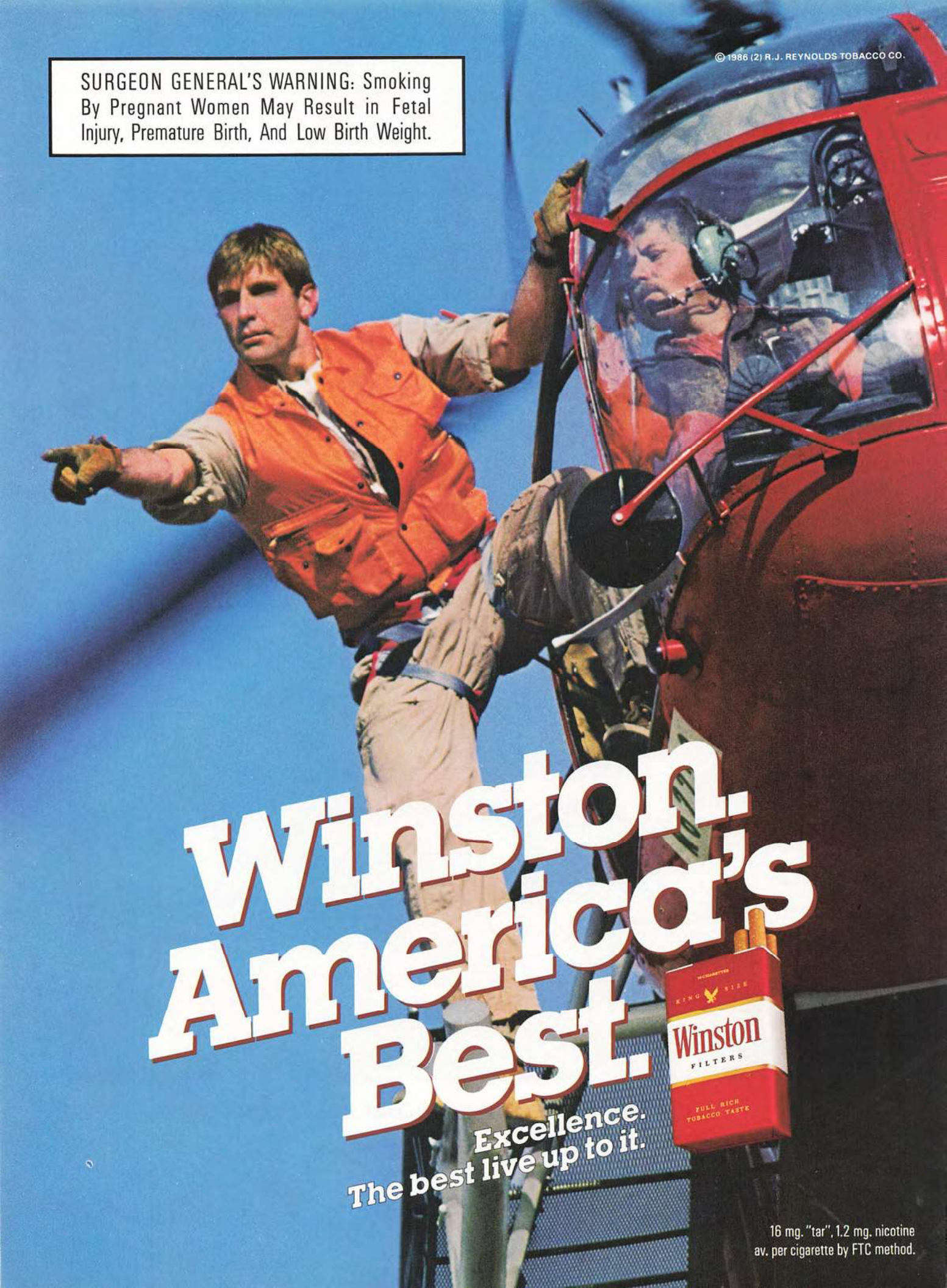
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WEEK 13

November 27

THEY SAY GAMES AREN'T over until they're over, but in week 13, they sure took a long time getting over.

Three of them were won in overtime and four others were decided in the last two minutes. In other words, not many people left early to beat the traffic.

The Browns, Bears, and Eagles were the overtime winners. Cleveland definitely was getting the hang of it. The Browns' 13-10 defeat of the visiting Houston Oilers was their second overtime victory in a row. It also left Cleveland all alone in first place in the AFC Central.

The Browns won the game when 38-year-old Mark Moseley, who had been waived earlier in the season by the Washington Redskins, kicked a 29-yard field goal into a stiff wind with just 16 seconds left in the extra period. It was the fifth overtime field goal of his career, an NFL record.

"This time last week I was looking around the league, wondering if I was ever going to play again," Moseley said.

Moseley was signed by the Browns the week before the game to replace injured Matt Bahr after owner Art Modell saw him interviewed on "The NFL Today," and said, in effect, "Hey, there's our kicker."

Cleveland intercepted a total of six passes by Warren Moon and Oliver Luck, two each by cornerbacks Hanford Dixon and Frank Minnifield. Minnifield's 20-yard return set up the winning kick.

In Los Angeles, the Raiders also were on the verge of their second overtime victory in a row as they lined up on the Philadelphia 16 with the score tied 27-27. But Marcus Allen, whose 27-yard catch had carried the Raiders downfield, fumbled on a running play called to set up a field-goal attempt.

The ball hopped into the hands of Eagles safety Andre Waters, who took it 81 yards to the Los Angeles 4. On second down, quarterback Randall Cunningham sneaked a yard for the touchdown that won the game 33-27.

Cunningham also threw three touchdown passes to wide receiver Mike Quick (62, 5, and 10 yards), despite being sacked 10 times.

The third sudden-death

RON VESELY

Bears' Dan Hampton (99) goes high and Gary Fencik (45) low to stop Steelers' Rich Erenberg. The Bears won in overtime.

QUOTE:

MARK RUBIN

49ers head coach Bill Walsh, after watching his team take a 17-0 Monday night halftime lead and then lose to the New York Giants 21-17:

"We're shocked, stunned, upset, disturbed, and exasperated."

For a Change, the Cowboys Were the Turkeys

BOB ROSATO

Chuck Knox (left) makes a point with Tom Landry.

Since 1966, the Dallas Cowboys have worked on every Thanksgiving Day except two—but they've been mostly enjoyable experiences. In their first 18 Thanksgiving Day games at home, the Cowboys had a 14-3-1 record.

This season's opponent was Seattle, a team that had not defeated Dallas in three tries, including a 51-7 Thanksgiving Day rout in 1980. So when the Cowboys drove 78 yards after the opening kickoff and scored on Tony Dorsett's 8-yard run, it looked like more of the same.

But the Seahawks, fighting for a wild-card playoff berth like the Cowboys, outscored Dallas 24-0 the rest of the half and went on to an important 31-14 victory. The Cowboys' fourth loss in five November games had historians recalling 1964, the last time Dallas (struggling at 7-6 after 13 weeks) had a losing season.

Seattle's Curt Warner ran for 122 yards and a touchdown, and Dave Krieg threw two touchdown passes and ran for another.

"I tell you," said Krieg in the locker room, "we're going to enjoy this one."

Coach Chuck Knox, who rarely gets too excited, was even more effusive.

"It's the best win in the history of the franchise," Knox said.

WEEK 13

game of the day occurred in Chicago, where the Bears edged Pittsburgh 13-10 on Kevin Butler's 42-yard field goal 3:55 into the fifth quarter. After his winning kick, Butler heaved a massive sigh of relief. He had missed a field goal from 28 yards with 50 seconds left in regulation, setting up the overtime.

The Bears, who learned earlier in the week that quarterback Jim McMahon would be out for the season, clinched the NFC Central Division title with the victory. It was Pittsburgh's second loss in a row in—you guessed it—overtime.

A Bears fan, frustrated that his team had scored 13 points or less in five of seven games, hung a sign in Soldier Field that read:

"Offense, We're Going to the Super Bowl. Are You Coming?"

The New York Giants and Washington Redskins, tied at 11-2 in the NFC East, set up a fourteenth-week showdown with narrow victories.

The Giants fell behind the San Francisco 49ers 17-0 at halftime, but scored a fast and furious 21 points in the third quarter and hung on for a 21-17 victory. It was the Giants' sixth straight triumph—by a total of 22 points.

New York's Phil Simms threw touchdown passes to running back Joe Morris and

ALAN SCHWARTZ

Randall Cunningham passed for 298 yards and three touchdowns as the Eagles shocked the Raiders 33-27.

wide receiver Stacy Robinson, then hit Robinson with a 49-yard bomb to the 49ers' 1 to set up the winning score.

Playing without running back George Rogers and several other offensive starters, the Redskins got a surprising battle from St. Louis and finally edged the host Cardinals 20-17 when Max Zendejas made a 27-yard field goal with just four seconds left. It was Washington's fifth consecutive victory. In another wild finish, New England moved into a first-place tie with the New York Jets in the AFC East with a 21-20 come-from-behind victory at New Orleans, the Patriots' seventh win in a row.

The Saints led 13-7 when New England rookie Eugene Profit blocked a punt, and Mosi Tatupu took the ball 17 yards for a touchdown and a 14-13 lead with 3:51 left. The Patriots clinched the game with 1:49 to play when New Orleans quarterback Dave Wilson fumbled while trying to pass. Another rookie, 278-pound defensive end Brent Williams, scooped it up and ran 21 yards to score.

At the Meadowlands, the Los Angeles Rams moved a game and a half ahead in the NFC West with an impressive 17-3 victory over the Jets, who were held to only a field goal for the second successive game. Cornerback Jerry Gray forced a fumble to stop an early Jets drive, safety Vince Newsome recovered a fumble to set up a Rams field goal, and linebacker Mike Wilcher intercepted a pass in the end zone to blunt the Jets' final drive.

The Atlanta Falcons snapped a five-game losing streak and almost wiped out Miami's slim playoff hopes with a 20-14 road victory. Gerald Riggs ran for 172 yards and a touchdown, while the Atlanta defense intercepted Dan Marino four times. □

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

GEORGE JARDINE

AFC offense: John Elway

VERNON BIEVER

NFC defense: Andre Waters

AFC OFFENSE—John Elway, *quarterback, Denver Broncos*
Shrugging off a weekend rumor that he had a broken arm, Elway fired three touchdown passes in the second quarter and completed 22 of 34 overall, with no interceptions, as Denver defeated visiting Cincinnati 34-28. The Broncos' quarterback also ran seven times for 41 yards.

AFC DEFENSE—Charles Romes, *cornerback, Buffalo Bills*
Romes stopped two Kansas City drives with interceptions in the end zone, the second with only 4:04 left in the game, and made two tackles, as the Bills edged the Chiefs 17-14 to snap their 22-game road losing streak.

NFC OFFENSE—Walter Stanley, *wide receiver, Green Bay Packers*
Stanley had a hand in 31 points, leading the Packers to a wild 44-40 Thanksgiving Day victory in Detroit. He won the game by returning a punt 83 yards for a touchdown with 41 seconds left. He also caught 21- and 36-yard touchdown passes from Randy Wright, set up another touchdown with a 62-yard catch, and set up a field goal with a 30-yard punt return.

NFC DEFENSE—Andre Waters, *safety, Philadelphia Eagles*
Waters returned a fumble 81 yards in overtime to set up the winning touchdown in the Eagles' 33-27 surprise of the host Los Angeles Raiders. He also intercepted a pass to stop a Raiders drive and made nine tackles.

DAVID BOSS

Gerald Riggs picks up some of the 172 yards he gained as Atlanta beat Miami 20-14 to stop a five-game losing streak.

STANDINGS

AFC East	W	L	T
New England	10	3	0
N.Y. Jets	10	3	0
Miami	6	7	0
Buffalo	4	9	0
Indianapolis	0	13	0
AFC Central			
Cleveland	9	4	0
Cincinnati	8	5	0
Pittsburgh	4	9	0
Houston	3	10	0
AFC West			
Denver	10	3	0
L.A. Raiders	8	5	0
Kansas City	7	6	0
Seattle	7	6	0
San Diego	3	10	0

NFC East	W	L	T
N.Y. Giants	11	2	0
Washington	11	2	0
Dallas	7	6	0
Philadelphia	4	9	0
St. Louis	3	10	0
NFC Central			
Chicago	11	2	0
Minnesota	7	6	0
Detroit	5	8	0
Green Bay	3	10	0
Tampa Bay	2	11	0
NFC West			
L.A. Rams	9	4	0
San Francisco	7	5	1
Atlanta	6	6	1
New Orleans	6	7	0

SCORES

AFC
Buffalo 17, Kansas City 14
Cleveland 13, Houston 10 (OT)
Denver 34, Cincinnati 28
San Diego 17, Indianapolis 3
NFC
Green Bay 44, Detroit 40
Minnesota 45, Tampa Bay 13
N.Y. Giants 21, San Francisco 17
Washington 20, St. Louis 17
Interconference
Atlanta 20, Miami 14
Chicago 13, Pittsburgh 10 (OT)
L.A. Rams 17, N.Y. Jets 3
New England 21, New Orleans 20
Philadelphia 33, L.A. Raiders 27 (OT)
Seattle 31, Dallas 14

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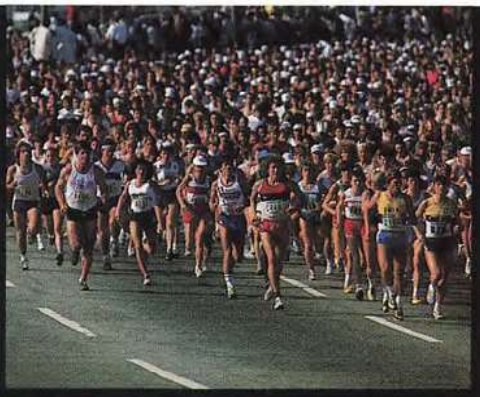

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WEEK 14

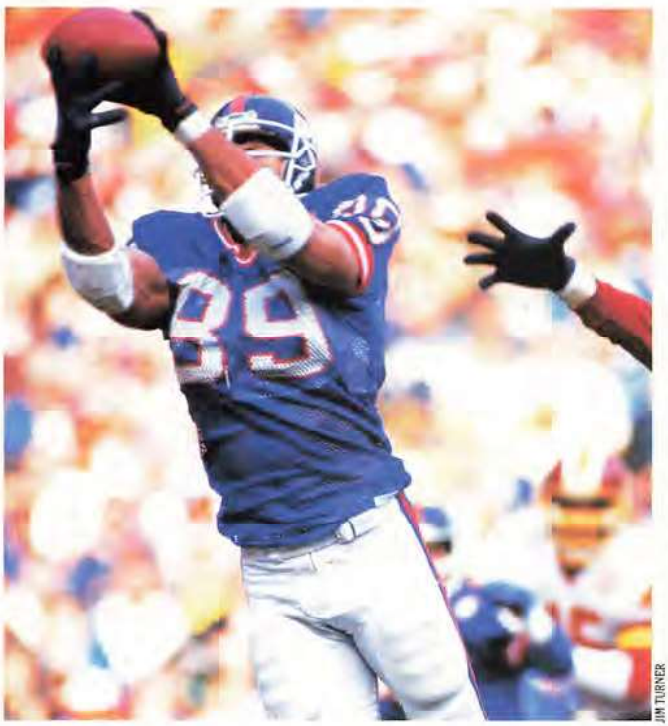
December 7

TWENTY SECONDS REmained on the clock, and the Indianapolis Colts were that much time away from still another loss. The NFL's only winless team was 0-13 and headed for 0-14.

Leading 23-21, the Atlanta Falcons sent Rick Donnelly back to punt. Nice idea, poor execution.

Flashing into the backfield, Colts safety Tate Randle blocked the punt. The ball was scooped up by cornerback Eugene Daniel, who carried it 13 yards for the winning touchdown. In one swoop, the visiting Colts had shocked the Falcons 28-23, eliminated them from the playoffs, and given new coach Ron Meyer a victory in his debut.

Tight end Mark Bavaro helped the Giants to an early lead with a 9-yard touchdown catch in a 24-14 victory over Washington.



JIM TURNER

Giving the Lions a Lot of Lipps

GEORGE GOJKOVICH

If there were an award for comeback player of the week, it would go to Pittsburgh's brilliant wide receiver Louis Lipps.

Injured much of the year, Lipps hit the ground again in week 13 against the Chicago Bears. Lipps was knocked cold by a flagrant forearm thrown by linebacker Otis Wilson, and he missed the last two quarters with a concussion.

When he lined up against the Detroit Lions in week 14, it had been a lost season.

An AFC-NFC Pro Bowl selection in each of his first two years when he caught 21 touchdown passes and produced a total of 26 TDs, Lipps had scored just once in 13 games in 1986. A combination of injuries and erratic early-season passing by Mark Malone had combined to thwart him better than any cornerback could.

But, when the Steelers rallied to defeat Detroit 27-17, the old Lipps was back. . .and then some.

Malone, who has been more accurate in the second half of the season, completed 18 of 32 passes, including 12- and 39-yard touchdown passes to Lipps. A 48-yard pass to Lipps set up a third score.

"It feels good to be contributing again to the offense," Lipps said after the game. "I was overdue."

Was he worried because he had been knocked unconscious the previous week?

"I've tried to block that incident totally out of my mind," Lipps said.

"It was a lot of fun," Meyer said. "I'm glad the players finally had the experience of good things happening to them."

The Los Angeles Raiders were victims of a Monday Night Massacre—a humbling 37-0 loss to the Seattle Seahawks in the Kingdome.

The Seahawks, who have beaten the Raiders five successive times in Seattle, rushed three Los Angeles quarterbacks off their collective feet for a team-record 11 sacks. The Seahawks outgained the Raiders 407-138, handing them their first shutout in five years and their worst loss since 1962. Curt Warner rushed for 116 yards and two touchdowns, Dave Krieg threw for 243 yards and two touchdowns, and Norm Johnson kicked field goals of 53, 51, and 46 yards.

In the nation's capital, the New York Giants ran their winning streak to seven in a row, longest in the NFL, as they broke a deadlock for first in the NFC East by dominating Washington 24-14.

Phil Simms threw three touchdown passes for New York, but the Giants' defense controlled the game as six different players intercepted passes from Jay Schroeder. When Schroeder wasn't being picked off, he was being picked up. Linebacker Lawrence Taylor sacked him three times and knocked him down on several other occasions just as he got the ball away.

QUOTE:

Redskins defensive end **Dexter Manley**, discussing his mood after making only three tackles and failing to get a sack in Washington's 24-14 loss to the Giants:

"How do I feel? I feel like I've just sucked a bunch of raw eggs."

WEEK 14

PERRY MCINTYRE

Meyer: a winning debut

The loss marred a strong performance by Redskins running back Kelvin Bryant, who caught 13 passes for 130 yards, rushed six times for 50 more, and scored twice.

After 14 weeks, the Giants and Chicago Bears had the best records in the league at 12-2. The Bears routed Tampa Bay 48-14 for their fifth successive victory.

At Chicago, it was quarterback by committee, as Mike Tomczak played in the first and third periods, and NFL rookie Doug Flutie appeared in the second and fourth. Each threw for a touchdown and ran for one. Meanwhile, Walter Payton rushed for 78 yards and a touchdown, and caught three passes for 98 yards and another score.

Rams cornerback LeRoy Irvin raced 50 yards for a touchdown with a first-quarter interception of a pass by Steve Pelluer, and host Los Angeles went on to pound Dallas 29-10. It was the Cowboys' fifth loss in six weeks.

STANDINGS

AFC East	W	L	T
New England	10	4	0
N.Y. Jets	10	4	0
Miami	7	7	0
Buffalo	4	10	0
Indianapolis	1	13	0
AFC Central			
Cleveland	10	4	0
Cincinnati	9	5	0
Pittsburgh	5	9	0
Houston	3	11	0
AFC West			
Denver	10	4	0
Kansas City	8	6	0
L.A. Raiders	8	6	0
Seattle	8	6	0
San Diego	4	10	0

NFC East	W	L	T
N.Y. Giants	12	2	0
Washington	11	3	0
Dallas	7	7	0
Philadelphia	4	9	1
St. Louis	3	10	1
NFC Central			
Chicago	12	2	0
Minnesota	8	6	0
Detroit	5	9	0
Green Bay	3	11	0
Tampa Bay	2	12	0
NFC West			
L.A. Rams	10	4	0
San Francisco	8	5	1
Atlanta	6	7	1
New Orleans	6	8	0

SCORES

AFC
Cincinnati 31, New England 7
Cleveland 21, Buffalo 17
Kansas City 37, Denver 10
San Diego 27, Houston 0
Seattle 37, L.A. Raiders 0
NFC
Chicago 48, Tampa Bay 14
L.A. Rams 29, Dallas 10
Minnesota 32, Green Bay 6
N.Y. Giants 24, Washington 14
St. Louis 10, Philadelphia 10 (OT)
Interconference
Pittsburgh 27, Detroit 17
Indianapolis 28, Atlanta 23
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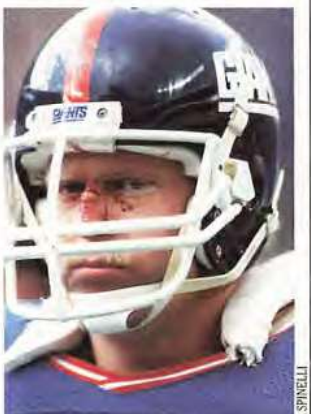
San Francisco 24, N.Y. Jets 10

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

MANNY RUBIO

AFC offense: James Brooks


PAUL SPINELLI

NFC offense: Brad Benson

AFC OFFENSE—James Brooks, *running back, Cincinnati Bengals*
Brooks gained 264 yards in total offense as visiting Cincinnati snapped New England's seven-game winning streak 31-7. The Bengals' running back rushed for 163 yards, including a 56-yard touchdown, and caught six passes for another 101 yards. Teammate Stanley Wilson, meanwhile, ran for 120 yards, including a 58-yard touchdown run of his own, as Cincinnati gained a club-record 584 yards.

AFC DEFENSE—Art Still, *defensive end, Kansas City Chiefs*
Still made six tackles, including an 18-yard sack of John Elway, and broke up a pass as host Kansas City surprised Denver 37-10..

NFC OFFENSE—Brad Benson, *tackle, New York Giants*
The first offensive lineman ever chosen player of the week, Benson blocked NFL sack leader (17½) Dexter Manley of Washington one-on-one and held him to three tackles and no sacks as the visiting Giants won their showdown with the Redskins 24-14.

NFC DEFENSE—Leonard Smith, *safety, St. Louis Cardinals*
Smith made a career-high 20 tackles, including 15 solos, had two of his team's 10 sacks, and deflected a pass as the Cardinals and Philadelphia Eagles fought to a 10-10 overtime tie at Philadelphia.

BRUCE DIERDORFF

Flutie helped the Bears.

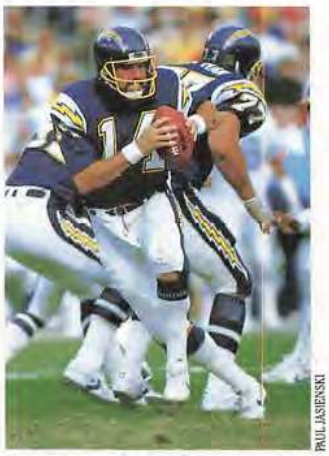
Eric Dickerson ran for 106 yards for the Rams, while rookie Jim Everett threw for 212 yards and a touchdown.

Al Saunders, who took over for Don Coryell as coach of the Chargers in week 9, continued to do an outstanding job as his team throttled visiting Houston 27-0. San Diego's first shutout since 1979 gave Saunders a 3-3 record as coach; the three losses have been by a total of 10 points.

The Chargers' Dan Fouts reached another milestone, becoming only the third NFL quarterback to surpass 40,000 passing yards. His total of 250 in the game gave him 40,050 in his career. Fran Tarkenton (47,003) and Johnny Unitas (40,239) are the all-time leaders.

In New Orleans, Saints rookie-of-the-year candidate Rueben Mayes rushed for 203 yards and scored on runs of 20 and 34 yards, but Miami took a 31-10 halftime lead and held on to win 31-27. The Dolphins' Dan Marino completed 27 of 41 passes for 241 yards and three touchdowns.

There was freezing rain in Buffalo, but it didn't bother the Cleveland Browns, who stayed on top in the AFC Central Division by downing the Bills 21-17.


PAUL JASIENSKI

Fouts: another milestone

The Kansas City Chiefs intercepted four passes by John Elway and sacked him five times, shocking Denver 37-10 at Kansas City. Safety Lloyd Burruss returned another interception, this time off Elway's backup, Gary Kubiak, for 72 yards. It was Burruss's third interception runback for a touchdown this season. □

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1986 REPLAY

WEEK 15

December 13

IT WAS A WEEK WHEN home, sweet home, was anything but sweet. Ten of the NFL's 14 home teams lost, but one of the four winners, Denver, clinched two division titles with one victory.

On Saturday, the Broncos slipped by the Washington Redskins 31-30 to wrap up the AFC West crown. The victory also assured the Redskins of second place in the NFC East and clinched the title for the New York Giants.

The Giants, who played the next day at home, won anyway, rolling past the St. Louis Cardinals 27-7.

JIM TURNER

Joe Morris ran for 179 yards to break his own team record.

The Cleveland Browns, meanwhile, became the weekend's third division winner, hammering the Cincinnati Bengals 34-3 in Cincinnati to guarantee the top spot in the AFC Central.

In Denver, the Broncos fell behind the Redskins 13-0 in the second quarter before John Elway ignited their comeback. The gifted Denver quarterback passed for 282 yards, ran 11 yards for a touchdown, and threw 19 to Steve Watson for another. Sammy Winder ran for two more Broncos scores. On defense, cornerback Mike Harden intercepted two passes to set up 10 points.

The difference in the game, however, was a missed extra point by Max Zendejas after Washington's first touchdown. Zendejas, who admitted he rushed his kick, was upset about his missed PAT. "You're supposed to make all of them," he said.

The Giants remained the NFL's hottest team as they turned Joe Morris and their defense loose on the Cardinals. Morris ran for 179 yards and three touchdowns, and had non-scoring runs of 49 and 54 yards. The big day increased his season total to 1,401 yards, breaking his own Giants record of 1,336.

LARRY FULLERTON

Kevin Mack gained 93 yards, including two one-yard touchdown runs, to lead the Browns over the Bengals.

QUOTE:

Rams coach **John Robinson** on the scrambling ability of quarterback Jim Everett, sacked just five times in five games: "I'll bet when he was a kid and everyone played tag, he was never *it*."

MARV RUBIN

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

BILL WOOD

AFC offense: Dan Marino

MICHAEL ZAGARIS

NFC offense: Roger Craig

AFC OFFENSE—Dan Marino, *quarterback, Miami Dolphins*
Marino passed for 403 yards and five touchdowns to lead the Dolphins to a 37-31 victory over the Los Angeles Rams in overtime at Anaheim. He completed 29 of 46 passes, including the game-winning 20-yard pitch to Mark Duper, 3:04 into overtime. Marino also threw 69- and 5-yard scoring passes to Duper, and 43- and 6-yard scoring passes to Mark Clayton and rookie James Pruitt.

AFC DEFENSE—Deron Cherry, *safety, Kansas City Chiefs*
Cherry moved into a tie for the NFL lead in interceptions with nine when he picked off two in the Chiefs' 20-17 defeat of the host Los Angeles Raiders. The Kansas City safety also made six tackles.

NFC OFFENSE—Roger Craig, *running back, San Francisco 49ers*
Craig rushed for 86 yards and a touchdown and caught six passes for 89 more yards in the 49ers' 29-24 victory at New England.

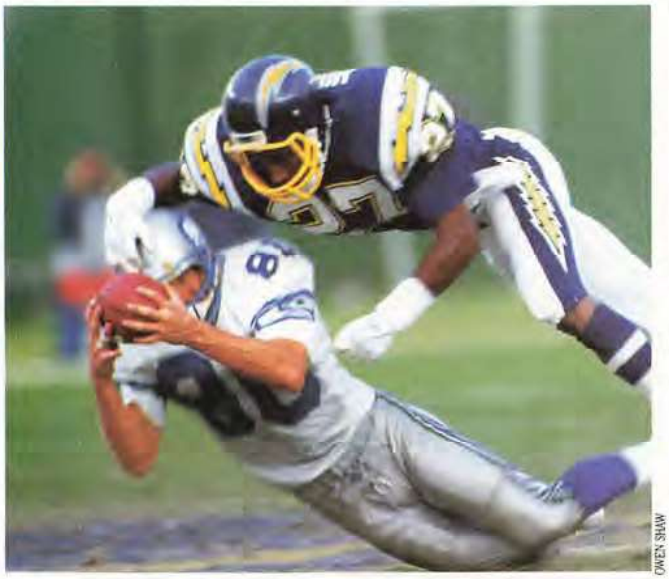
NFC DEFENSE—Reggie White, *defensive end, Philadelphia Eagles*
White had four solo tackles—three of them sacks—and forced a fumble as the Eagles upset the Dallas Cowboys 23-21 in Texas Stadium. The three sacks gave White 17 for the season, a club record.

New York's defense sacked St. Louis quarterback Neil Lomax nine times. With a game left, the Giants had won eight in a row and were 13-1 since losing the first game of the season.

In stunning the Bengals, who were bidding for a share of first place, the Browns avenged an earlier 30-13 loss to Cincinnati and won their fourth in a row. Cleveland did it by being aggressive on both offense and defense.

On the game's first play, quarterback Bernie Kosar threw 66 yards to wide receiver Reggie Langhorne to set up the first of Kevin Mack's two 1-yard scoring runs. Later in the opening quarter, Kosar threw a 47-yard touchdown pass to rookie Webster Slaughter.

The Browns' defense limited Cincinnati quarterback Boomer Esiason to 151 yards passing.



OWEN SHAW

"We were just relentless today," said Cleveland coach Marty Schottenheimer.

While the Browns and Broncos (both 11-4) had the best records in the AFC, two other AFC contenders lost at home.

The New York Jets, who had a 10-1 record after 11 weeks, lost their fourth in a row, this time 45-24 to Pittsburgh. Ken O'Brien was intercepted three times for the second week in succession, and Steelers cornerback Lupe Sanchez returned one of them 67 yards for a touchdown.

Pittsburgh running back Walter Abercrombie scored three touchdowns, and his sidekick, Earnest Jackson, rushed for 101 yards.

Steve Largent joined Charlie Joiner and Don Maynard as the third player to gain more than 11,000 yards receiving.

The Jets and New England Patriots remained tied for first in the AFC East, however, when the Patriots lost their second in a row, this one 29-24 to the San Francisco 49ers. Joe Cribbs rushed for 107 yards and two touchdowns for the 49ers, while Roger Craig added 175 yards rushing and receiving.

The Seattle Seahawks continued their late-season playoff drive by flying past the host San Diego Chargers 34-24 for their fourth straight. Dave Krieg directed the air assault, throwing for 305 yards and four touchdowns.

STANDINGS

AFC East	W	L	T
New England	10	5	0
N.Y. Jets	10	5	0
Miami	8	7	0
Buffalo	4	11	0
Indianapolis	2	13	0
AFC Central			
Cleveland	11	4	0
Cincinnati	9	6	0
Pittsburgh	6	9	0
Houston	4	11	0
AFC West			
Denver	11	4	0
Kansas City	9	6	0
Seattle	9	6	0
L.A. Raiders	8	7	0
San Diego	4	11	0

NFC East	W	L	T
N.Y. Giants	13	2	0
Washington	11	4	0
Dallas	7	8	0
Philadelphia	5	9	1
St. Louis	3	11	1
NFC Central			
Chicago	13	2	0
Minnesota	8	7	0
Detroit	5	10	0
Green Bay	4	11	0
Tampa Bay	2	13	0
NFC West			
L.A. Rams	10	5	0
San Francisco	9	5	1
New Orleans	7	8	0
Atlanta	6	8	1

SCORES

AFC
Cleveland 34, Cincinnati 3
Indianapolis 24, Buffalo 14
Kansas City 20, L.A. Raiders 17
Pittsburgh 45, N.Y. Jets 24
Seattle 34, San Diego 24
NFC
Chicago 16, Detroit 13
Green Bay 21, Tampa Bay 7
New Orleans 16, Atlanta 10
N.Y. Giants 27, St. Louis 7
Philadelphia 23, Dallas 21
Interconference
Denver 31, Washington 30
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Miami 37, L.A. Rams 31 (OT)
San Francisco 29, New England 24

Up to Date in Kansas City

DAVID BOSS

Deron Cherry returns one of two interceptions against Raiders.

The Kansas City Chiefs, who played in two of the first four Super Bowls, have watched a lot of playoffs on television since.

But, with a week to go, the Chiefs stood a victory away from getting into postseason play for the first time since 1971.

They put themselves in that lofty position by upsetting the slumping Los Angeles Raiders 20-17, the Raiders' third successive loss to an underdog.

"I think the guys on this football team deserve a little success," said safety Deron Cherry, after he and cornerback Kevin Ross each intercepted two of Jim Plunkett's passes. The Chiefs also recovered three Los Angeles fumbles, thus forcing a total of seven turnovers.

Kansas City prepared for the game in a unique way, leaving the cold of its home city and practicing the last half of the week in the warmth of Palm Springs, California.

"Some of the players came up to me last Monday and told me about the idea," coach John Mackovic said after the game. Mackovic bought the suggestion, and the Palm Springs Chiefs came out of Los Angeles with a 1-0 record.

Krieg, who hit 15 of 21 in the game, completed all 10 of his second-half attempts.

Seattle wide receiver Steve Largent caught six passes for 96 yards and two touchdowns to become only the third receiver to surpass 11,000 career yards (11,028). San Diego's still-active Charlie Joiner (12,070) and Don Maynard (11,834) are the others.

Ron Meyer (2-0) remained the only unbeaten coach in the NFL this year as the Indianapolis Colts overcame a 14-0 deficit to stop visiting Buffalo 24-14 behind a big game from quarterback Gary Hogeboom—318 yards passing, two touchdown throws, and one touchdown run.

Kevin Butler kicked three field goals, including the 22-yard game-winner on the final play, as the Chicago Bears edged host Detroit 16-13 for their sixth win in a row.

Herschel Walker of Dallas set a club rushing-receiving record when he gained 292 yards (122 rushing on six carries, 170 receiving on nine catches), but Dallas lost 23-21 to the visiting Philadelphia Eagles. Walker ran 84 yards for one touchdown, and took a short pass from Steve Pelluer 84 yards for another.

The Eagles' Matt Cavanaugh threw two touchdown passes to wide receiver Kenny Jackson, including the 31-yard toss that won the game with 3:57 left. □

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WEEK 16

December 19

THE FOUR-DAY CHRISTmas weekend still was a week away, but the NFL wound up the regular season with a four-day weekend celebration of its own. The final round of games stretched from Friday night through Monday night.

To begin it on Friday, the fast-finishing San Francisco 49ers dominated the Los Angeles Rams from beginning to end at Candlestick Park, winning 24-14 to capture the NFC West championship and send the Rams off to Washington to play the NFC Wild Card Game.

To end it on Monday, Steve Grogan came off the bench to lead the New England Patriots to an exciting 34-27 win over Miami that gave the Patriots the AFC East title. It marked the final Dolphins game at the Orange Bowl. Dolphin Stadium is due to open in August.

Week 16 also contained victories by both the New York Giants and Chicago Bears, who wound up with pacesetting 14-2 records and nine- and seven-game winning streaks, respectively.

Cincinnati and Seattle both had bittersweet finales. Both won in routs to finish with 10-6 records and then were shut out of the AFC playoff picture.

In the NFC West, the 49ers rolled over the Rams behind Joe Montana's two touchdown passes. San Francisco outgained Los Angeles 354-86 in the first three quarters. The 49ers' defense, meanwhile, limited NFL rushing leader Eric Dickerson to 68 yards, while rookie cornerback Tim McKyer intercepted two passes and set up a touchdown.

"I think we shocked them," said 49ers linebacker Riki Ellison. "I've never seen this team so excited."

Also excited were the New England Patriots, who had to win at Miami for only the second time since 1966 or be eliminated from the playoffs. They did it behind Grogan, who entered the game early in the second quarter when starter Tony Eason injured his shoulder.

Grogan won the game with a 31-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Stanley Morgan with 44 seconds left, breaking a 27-27 tie. Morgan also caught a touchdown pass from Eason and had 8 receptions for 145 yards.

Grogan, who hadn't taken a snap in practice all week, passed for 226 yards and two touchdowns, and ran seven yards for a third.

"It was an absolutely incredible job by Steve," said Patriots coach Raymond Berry. "We had been preparing Tony Eason exclusively. It defies any reason that Steve would be able to do this."

Grogan had to be sharp because Miami's Dan Marino threw three touchdown passes, including two to

DAN HONDA

Jerry Rice goes for six.

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St. Louis	4	11	1
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Minnesota	9	7	0
Detroit	5	11	0
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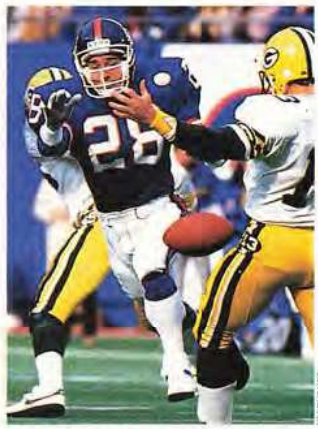
NFC West			
San Francisco	10	5	1
L.A. Rams	10	6	0
Atlanta	7	8	1
New Orleans	7	9	0

SCORES

AFC
Cincinnati 52, N.Y. Jets 21
Cleveland 47, San Diego 17
Houston 16, Buffalo 7
Indianapolis 30, L.A. Raiders 24
Kansas City 24, Pittsburgh 19
New England 34, Miami 27
Seattle 41, Denver 16

NFC
Atlanta 20, Detroit 6
Chicago 24, Dallas 10
Minnesota 33, New Orleans 17
N.Y. Giants 55, Green Bay 24
St. Louis 21, Tampa Bay 17
San Francisco 24, L.A. Rams 14
Washington 21, Philadelphia 14



JIM TURNER

Tom Flynn blocks a punt.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

GEORGE ROBARGE

AL MESSERSCHMIDT

AFC defense:Harvey Armstrong NFC defense: Otis Wilson

AFC OFFENSE—Boomer Esiason, *quarterback, Cincinnati Bengals*
Esiason passed for 425 yards and five touchdowns—completing 23 out of 30—as the Bengals ripped the visiting New York Jets 52-21.

AFC DEFENSE—Harvey Armstrong, *nose tackle, Indianapolis Colts*
Armstrong made five tackles, including a sack, and recovered two fumbles, one setting up a field goal, as the Colts finished the season with three wins in a row, surprising the Raiders 30-24 at Los Angeles.

NFC OFFENSE—Wade Wilson, *quarterback, Minnesota Vikings*
Wilson, starting his third game for injured Tommy Kramer, threw for 361 yards and three touchdowns (two to tight end Steve Jordan) to lead the host Vikings past the New Orleans Saints 33-17. He completed 24 of 39 passes, as the Vikings wound up with a 9-7 record, their best since 1980.

NFC DEFENSE—Otis Wilson, *linebacker, Chicago Bears*
Wilson made four tackles in the Bears' 24-0 victory over Dallas. He also had two sacks and recovered fumbles on the Chicago 20- and 21-yard lines to kill Cowboys threats at Irving, Texas.

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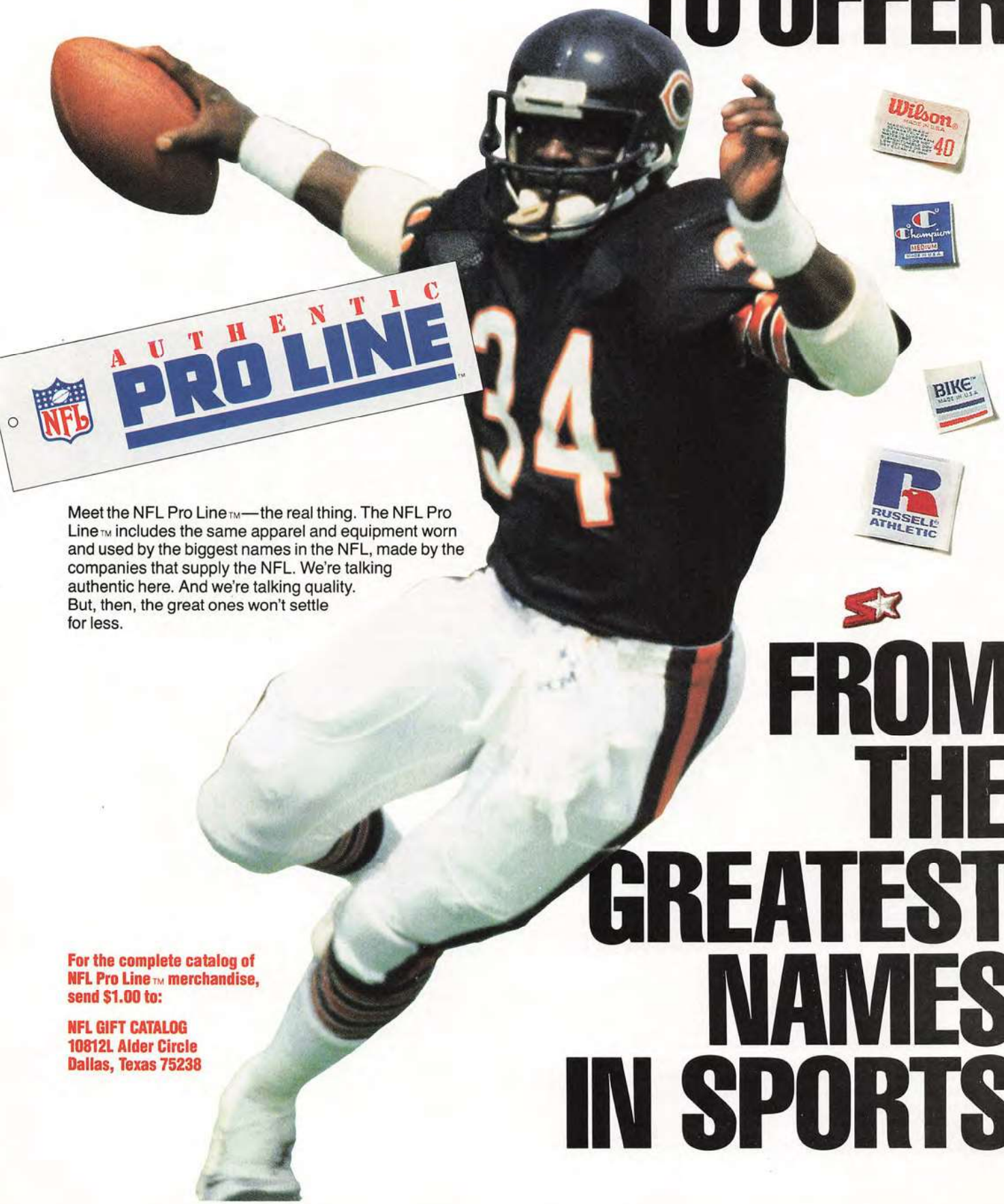

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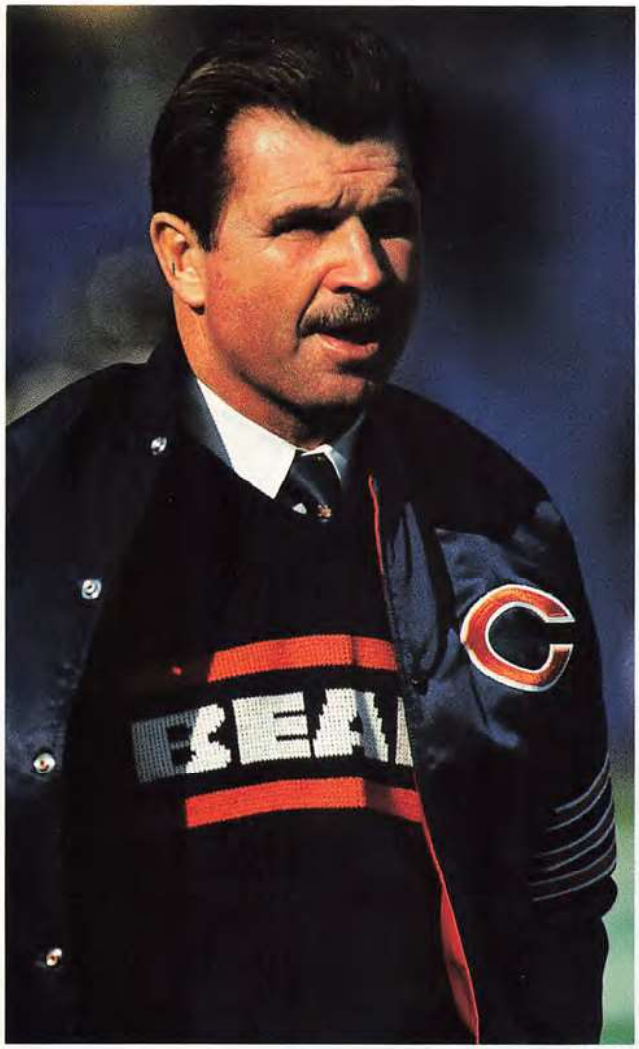

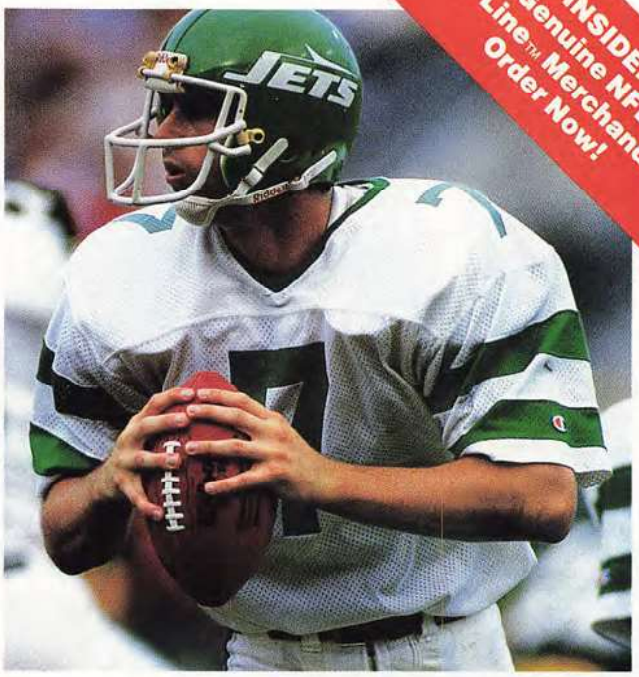

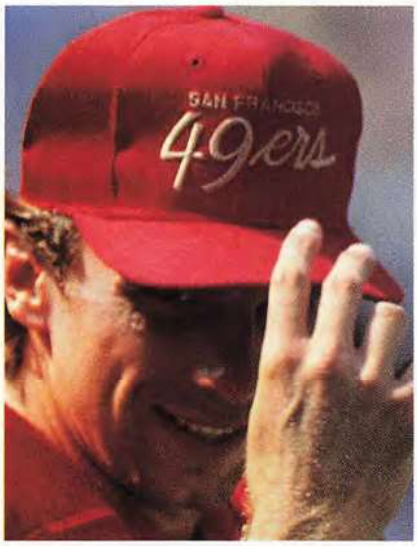

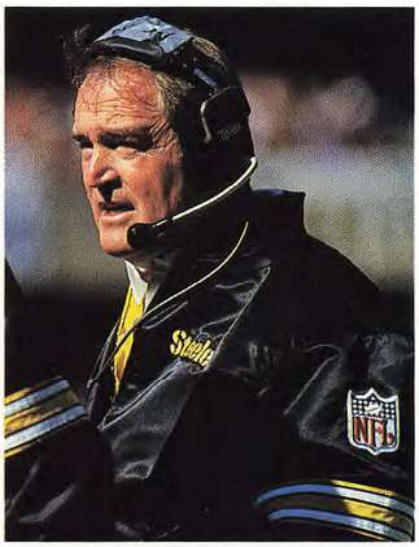

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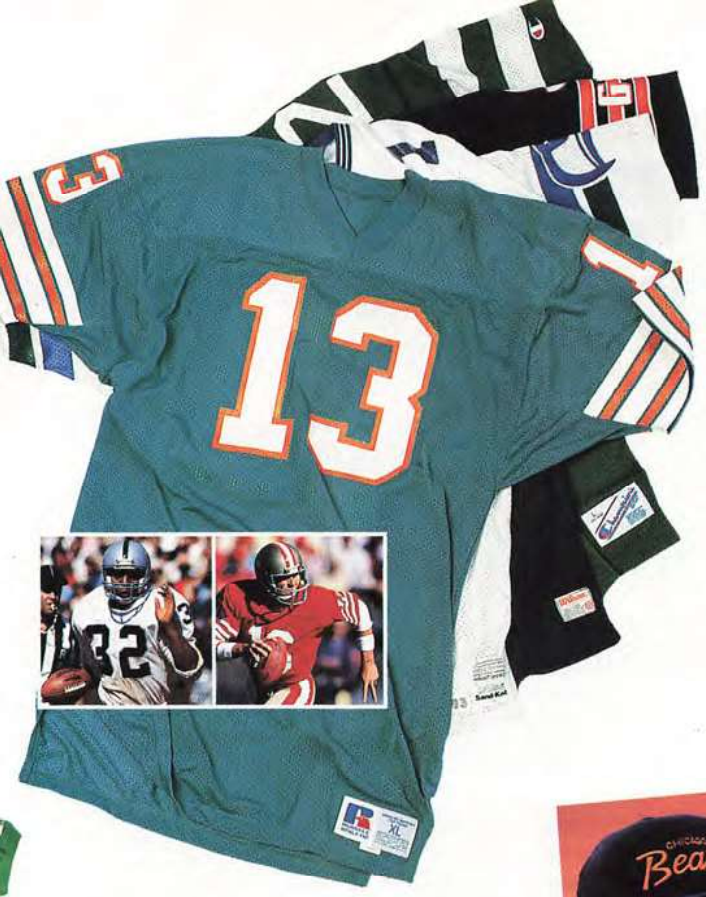

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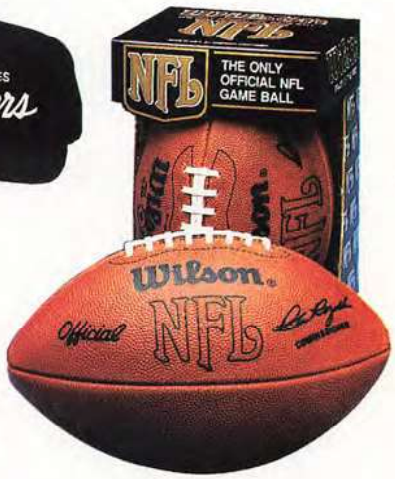

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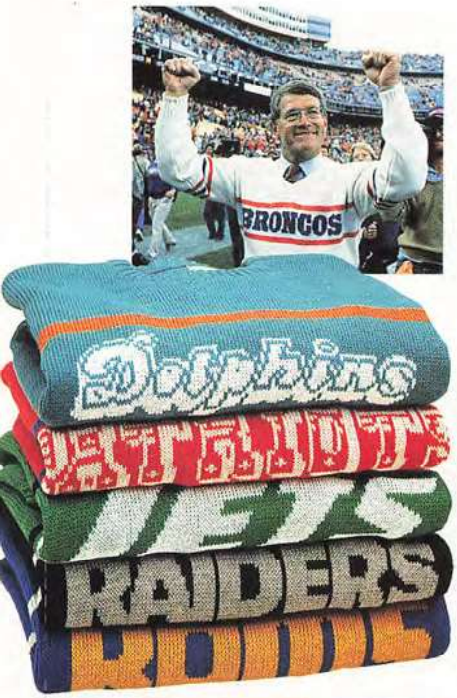

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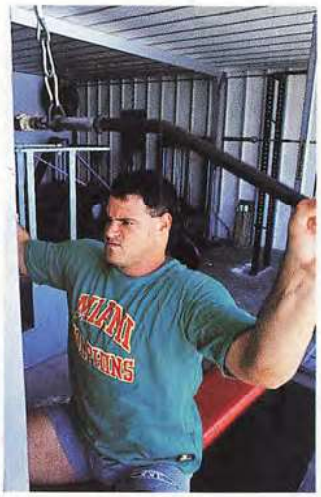

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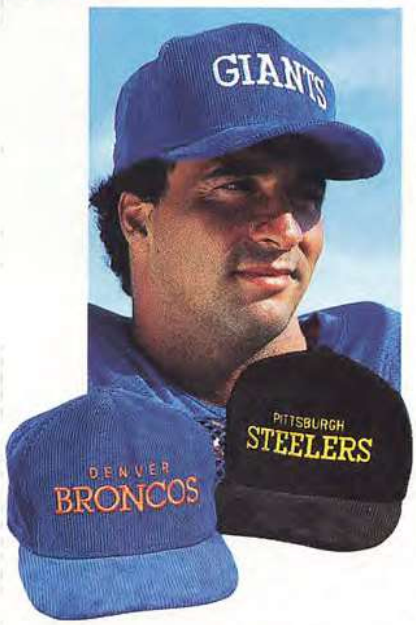

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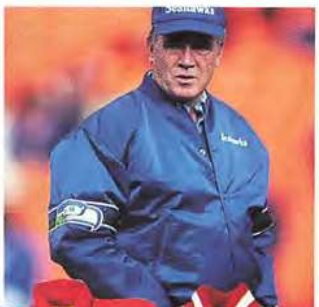

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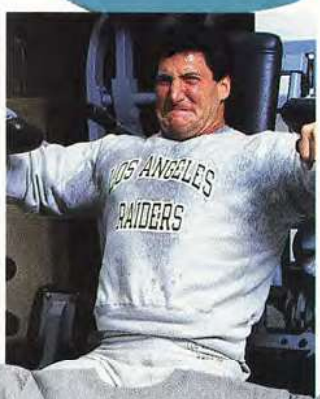

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Vai Sikahema tied an NFL record by returning two punts for touchdowns to lead St. Louis over Tampa Bay.

wide receiver Mark Clayton. Marino finished the year with NFL single-season records for passes attempted (623) and completed (378) and also had 44 touchdown passes, second only to his own NFL record of 48 in 1984.

The Patriots' victory eliminated Cincinnati from the playoffs, despite the Bengals' impressive 52-21 dismantling of the New York Jets. The Jets, who once were 10-1, lost their last five games.

Boomer Esiason threw five touchdown passes—four in the second half—and passed for 425 yards in Cincinnati's impressive victory at Riverfront Stadium. The Bengals gained a club-record 621 yards, making 32 first downs. Cris Collinsworth caught three of Esiason's scoring passes (12, 42, and 21 yards).

Despite their late-season collapse, the Jets would host the Kansas City Chiefs in the AFC Wild Card Game.

The Chiefs made the playoffs for the first time since 1971, thanks to a brilliant performance by their special teams. Pittsburgh ougained Kansas City 515-171, but still lost 24-19.

Kansas City's special teams scored all three of its touchdowns. Safety Deron Cherry recovered a blocked punt in the end zone, Boyce Green returned a kickoff 97 yards, and safety Lloyd Burruss took a blocked field goal back 78 yards.

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Curt Warner ran for 192 yards.

Seattle finished with a five-game winning streak, but still missed the playoffs.

The host Seahawks gained 536 yards in a 41-16 rout of AFC West champion Denver. Curt Warner ran for 192 yards and three touchdowns, including one from 60 yards, and Dave Krieg threw two scoring passes to wide receiver Daryl Turner.

The Giants clinched the home-field advantage throughout the NFC playoffs (their record at home this season was 8-0) by crushing Green Bay 55-24.

The Bears subjected Dallas (7-9) to its first losing season since 1964 with a 24-10 victory at Irving, Texas. Doug Flutie started his first NFL game, then threw two touchdown passes—58 yards to rookie running back Neal Anderson and 33 yards to wide receiver Willie Gault.

In St. Louis, rookie Vai Sikahema returned punts 71 and 60 yards for touchdowns—both in the second quarter—to tie an NFL record and lead the Cardinals past Tampa Bay 21-17. The loss clinched the first choice in next spring's college draft for the Buccaneers. The likely prize is Miami's Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback, Vinny Testaverde. □

QUOTE:

MARV RUBIN

Tampa Bay Buccaneers quarterback Steve Young, after his team lost its final game to finish 2-14, the poorest record in the NFL:

"I'll never look back; I'll keep going forward and whatever happens, happens. I'm getting married in January, if she'll still marry me after all of this."

Browns Look Good as Gold

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Brian Brennan

As 10 NFL teams prepared for the playoffs, the AFC team with the most momentum was Cleveland, which went 8-8 in 1985, but improved to 12-4 in 1986 to take dead aim on the Super Bowl.

While early-season leaders such as Denver and the New York Jets stumbled into the playoffs, the Browns sailed in with a five-game winning streak.

Playing only for pride, Cleveland closed out the regular season by pounding San Diego 47-17, bringing a big smile to coach Marty Schottenheimer's face.

"I didn't think we'd have a letdown," he said. "When you do well, you set a high standard. With that goes the responsibility of playing well every time."

Playing particularly well was Bernie Kosar, who completed 21 of 28 passes for 258 yards and two touchdowns. Brian Brennan, the 5-foot 9-inch wide receiver, caught seven passes for 176 yards, including a 57-yard touchdown.

1986 REPLAY

WEEK 17

December 28

THE NEW YORK JETS, mired in a five-game losing streak, were behind again as they faced the Kansas City Chiefs in the first quarter of the AFC Wild Card Game. The Chiefs had driven 67 yards to a touchdown on their opening possession and led 6-0.

QUOTE:

Redskins kicker **Jess Atkinson**, cut by four teams in the last two seasons, asked if he felt pressure to produce in the playoffs:

"I've waited too long to be scared now."

JIM TURNER

Pat Ryan's fourth-down run turned the tide of the game.

On the next series, Pat Ryan, the Jets' 31-year-old backup quarterback who was starting in place of slumping Ken O'Brien, faced a fourth-and-6 situation at the Kansas City 33-yard line.

Jets coach Joe Walton, disdaining a long field-goal attempt, had decided to try for a first down.

Walton called a play the Jets had not run all season.

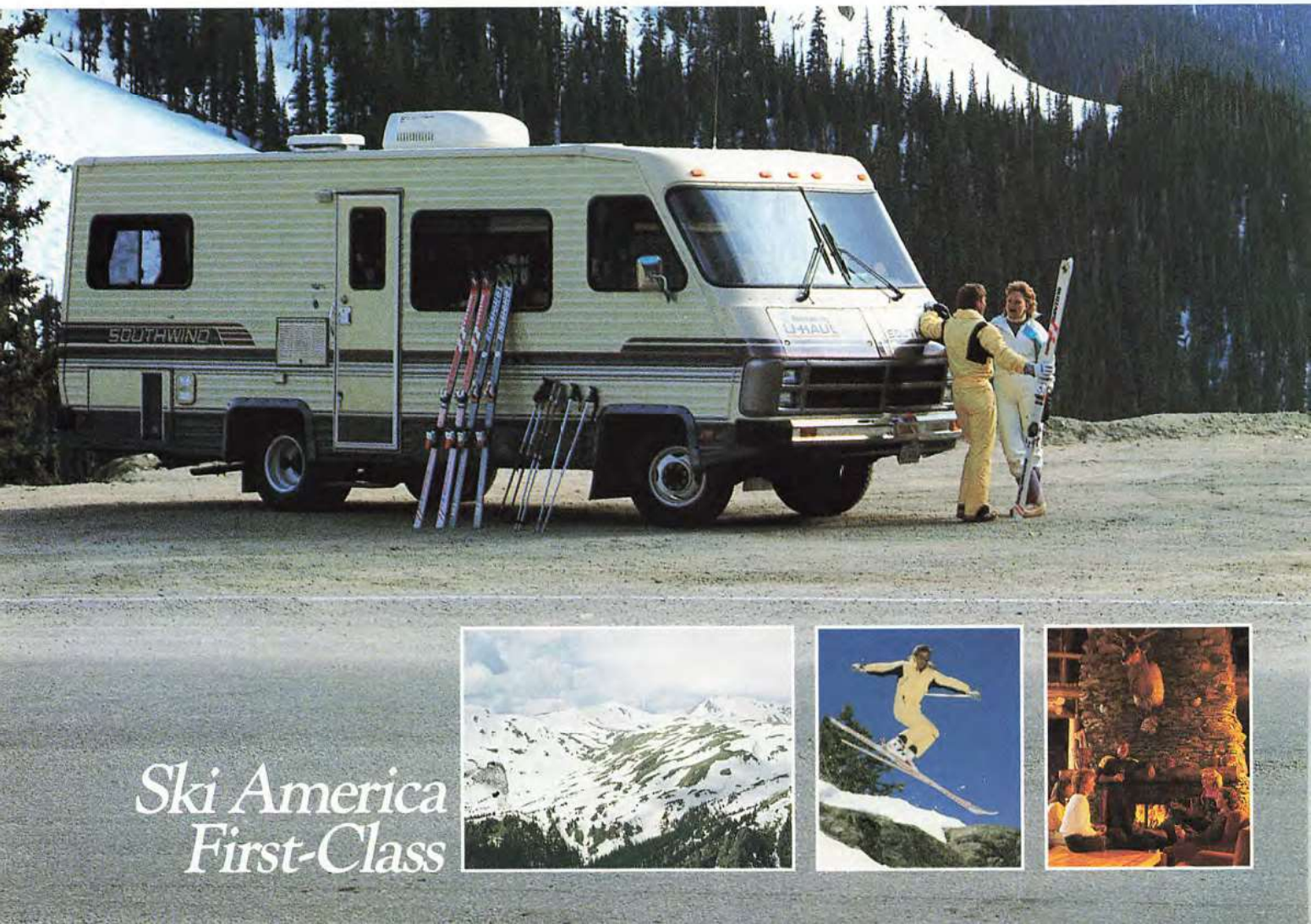
Ryan faked a pitchout to the left, then ran through a big hole up the middle for 24 yards and a first down on the Kansas City 9.

"I thought that helped," Ryan said later. "We were bogged down. I was in the secondary before they knew I was there."

Shortly after that, New York's Freeman McNeil scored from the 4-yard line. A conversion put the Jets ahead 7-6, and they never trailed again.

New York went on to delight the Giants Stadium crowd with a 35-15 victory as Ryan threw three touchdown passes and McNeil rushed for 135 yards.

With Ryan at quarterback, the Jets again looked like the team that had a 10-1 record after 11 weeks. Ryan directed touchdown drives of 75, 47, 62, and 61 yards, and linebacker Kevin McArthur ran 21 yards with an interception of a pass by Todd Blackledge for another score.



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"Pat Ryan gave us the emotional lift we were looking for," said Walton.

Jets 35, Chiefs 15

Kansas City	6	0	0	9	**15**
New York Jets	7	14	7	7	**35**

KC — Smith 1 run (kick failed)
NYJ — McNeil 4 run (Leahy kick)
NYJ — McNeil 1 pass from Ryan (Leahy kick)
NYJ — Toon 11 pass from Ryan (Leahy kick)
NYJ — McArthur 21 interception return (Leahy kick)
KC — Lewis recovered blocked punt in end zone (Leahy kick)
NYJ — Griggs 6 pass from Ryan (Leahy kick)
KC — Safety: Jennings stepped out of end zone
Attendance — 69,307

Redskins 19, Rams 7

Los Angeles Rams	0	0	0	7	**7**
Washington	10	3	3	3	**19**

Wash — FG Atkinson 25
Wash — Bryant 14 pass from Schroeder (Atkinson kick)
Wash — FG Atkinson 20
Wash — FG Atkinson 38
Rams — House 12 pass from Everett (Lansford kick)
Wash — FG Atkinson 19
Attendance — 54,180

Ryan's scoring passes went 1 yard to McNeil, 11 to wide receiver Al Toon, and 6 to reserve tight end Billy Griggs. For the afternoon, he completed 16 of 23.

Ryan was asked if he felt any pressure, replacing O'Brien, the NFL's top-rated passer before the Jets began their losing streak.

"Early in the week I didn't feel any pressure," he said, "but everything I read was that I was the last hope. That kind of scared me."

What ultimately must have scared Rams coach John Robinson was the sight of watching his own team trying to hold onto the football in the NFC Wild Card Game. The Washington Redskins, also playing at home, forced six turnovers and stopped

AL MESSERSCHMIDT

David Hill's controversial fumble added to the Rams' woes.

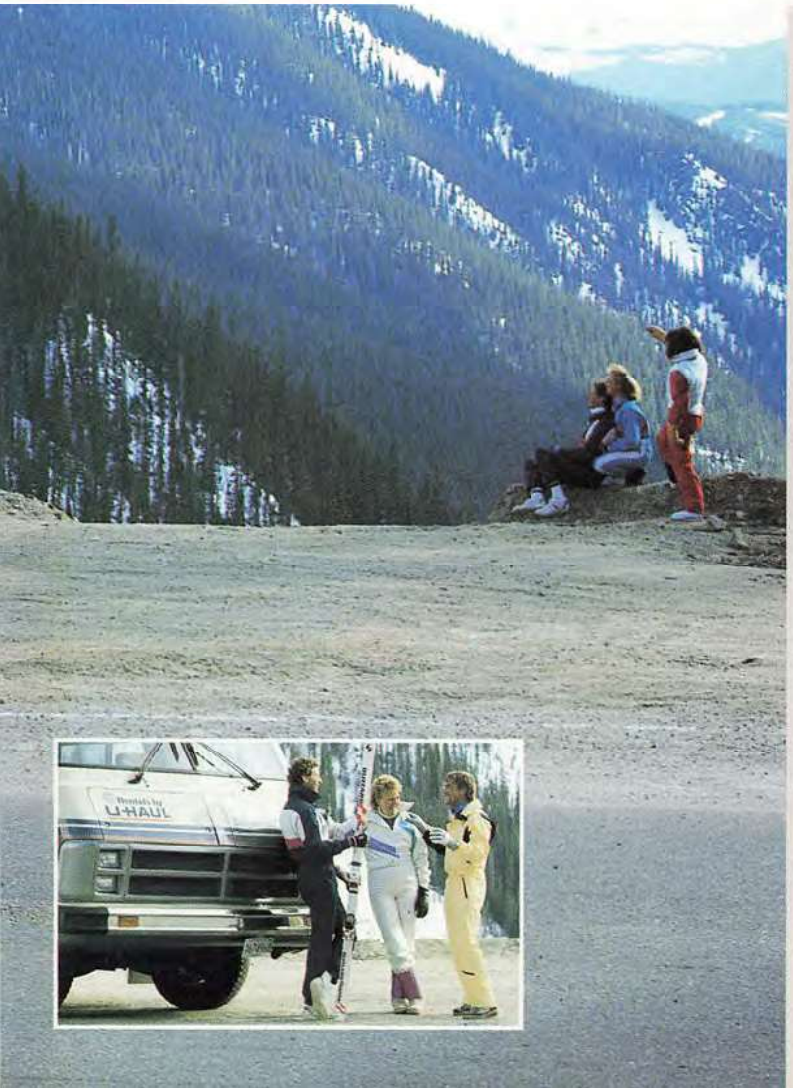
the Rams 19-7. Since moving to Los Angeles in 1946, the Rams are 0-9 in playoff games in the East and Midwest.

Although Eric Dickerson rushed for 158 yards, the Rams lost four fumbles, including three by Dickerson (at the Redskins' 35-, 17-, and 39-yard lines) and one by tight end David Hill (at the Washington 26).

Those turnovers not only ended Rams drives, but two of them set up Redskins field goals by Jess Atkinson. Rookie Alvin Walton, who recovered one of the Rams' fumbles, also intercepted a pass by quarterback Jim Everett to lead to the final field goal.

Atkinson, who was waived by the Redskins before the season and re-signed in mid-December, kicked a total of four field goals to tie a club playoff record.

The Redskins did not commit a turnover. They controlled the ball for 36 minutes behind the running of George Rogers (115 yards on 29 carries) and the short passes of Jay Schroeder (13 of 23 for 90 yards). □



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1986 REPLAY

WEEK 18

January 3

THERE WAS TALK OF A classic showdown between the defending Super Bowl champion Chicago Bears and the powerful New York Giants in the NFC Championship Game. Both teams had long winning streaks, both took 14-2 records into the playoffs, and both had overwhelming defenses.

But, as it turned out, only one of them would be in the game.

The Giants made it with an astonishing 49-3 rout of the 49ers, but the Bears were upset 27-13 by this year's wild-card Cinderella, the Washington Redskins.

The loss by the Bears, who had won seven in a row, also made it seven successive seasons that the NFL will not have a repeat Super Bowl champion. The Pittsburgh Steelers (games XIII and XIV) were the last to win back-to-back NFL titles.

"It makes you appreciate a team like the Steelers," said Bears linebacker Mike Singletary after the loss. "That's what's so frustrating. I think we're a team like that . . . I *know* we're a team like that."

While the Giants and Redskins, the 1-2 finishers in the NFC East, prepared to meet again, the Cleveland Browns and Denver Broncos advanced in the AFC in dramatic—and in the Browns' case—heart-stopping fashion.

Cleveland, the AFC Central Division champion, rallied from 10 points down in the last four minutes, then went two overtime periods to turn back the New York Jets 23-20 on Mark Moseley's 27-yard field goal. The winning kick came 2:02 into the second overtime, making the game the third-longest in NFL history at 77 minutes, 2 seconds.

Taylor (56), who returned a 34-yard interception for a touchdown, proved too much for the 49ers to handle.

AL MESSERSCHMIDT

DON LASSU

The ball took some funny bounces for Flutie (above), who completed just 11 of his 31 passes for 134 yards.

Denver's Western Division champions, took the lead for good on John Elway's 48-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Vance Johnson on the last play of the third quarter and held on to stop New England, the defending AFC champion, 22-17.

In New York, the Giants' blitz of the 49ers came by the largest margin of victory in a playoff game since the AFL-NFL merger in 1970.

"It wasn't the perfect game, but it was pretty close to it," said Giants coach Bill Parcells. "We played very, very well." The Giants' Phil Simms completed just nine passes, but four were for touchdowns to four different receivers. And 5-foot 7-inch Joe Morris darted for 159 yards and scored on 45- and 2-yard runs.

The Giants' defense held the 49ers to 184 yards and scored or set up three touchdowns with interceptions. Linebacker Lawrence Taylor collected one of them when he caught an errant pass by Joe Montana and returned it 34 yards for a touchdown with 28 seconds left in the first half. On the play, Montana was hit by nose tackle Jim Burt as he threw and was knocked out of the game with a concussion.

Two other New York touchdown drives followed interceptions by safety Herb Welch and rookie linebacker Pepper Johnson.

The 49ers made the game's biggest error when it was scoreless. Wide receiver Jerry Rice caught a pass from Montana over the middle and was on his way to a 50-yard touchdown when he dropped the ball at the New

NFC

Redskins 27, Bears 13

Washington	7	0	7	13	**27**
Chicago	0	13	0	0	**13**

Wash — Monk 28 pass from Schroeder (Atkinson kick)
Chi — Gault 50 pass from Flutie (Butler kick)
Chi — FG Butler 23
Chi — FG Butler 41
Wash — Monk 23 pass from Schroeder (Atkinson kick)
Wash — Rogers 1 run (Atkinson kick)
Wash — FG Atkinson 35
Wash — FG Atkinson 25
Attendance — 65,141

Giants 49, 49ers 3

San Francisco	3	0	0	0	**3**
New York Giants	7	21	21	0	**49**

NYG — Bavaro 24 pass from Simms (Allegre kick)
SF — FG Wersching 26
NYG — Morris 45 run (Allegre kick)
NYG — Johnson 15 pass from Simms (Allegre kick)
NYG — Taylor 34 interception return (Allegre kick)
NYG — McConkey 28 pass from Simms (Allegre kick)
NYG — Mowatt 29 pass from Simms (Allegre kick)
NYG — Morris 2 run (Allegre kick)
Attendance — 76,034

AFC

Browns 23, Jets 20 (2 OT)

N.Y. Jets	7	3	3	7	0	0—20
Cleveland	7	3	0	10	0	3—23

NYJ — Walker 42 pass from Ryan (Leahy kick)
Cle — Fontenot 37 pass from Kosar (Moseley kick)
Cle — FG Moseley 38
NYJ — FG Leahy 46
NYJ — FG Leahy 37
NYJ — McNeil 25 run (Leahy kick)
Cle — Mack 1 run (Moseley kick)
Cle — FG Moseley 22
Cle — FG Moseley 27
Attendance — 78,106

Broncos 22, Patriots 17

New England	0	10	7	0	—	17
Denver	3	7	10	2	—	22

Den — FG Karlis 27
NE — Morgan 19 pass from Eason (Franklin kick)
Den — Elway 22 run (Karlis kick)
NE — FG Franklin 38
Den — FG Karlis 22
NE — Morgan 45 pass from Eason (Franklin kick)
Den — Johnson 48 pass from Elway (Karlis kick)
Den — Safety: Eason tackled in end zone by Jones
Attendance — 76,105

York 27. In trying to pick it up, Rice succeeded only in batting it into the end zone, where it was recovered by Giants safety Kenny Hill.

The Bears led 13-7 at halftime of their game, but, like the Rams the week before, they made too many mistakes to beat opportunistic Washington. The Redskins forced four Chicago turnovers and made only one themselves, making it 10 takeaways and one turnover in two postseason victories.

QUOTE:

Browns placekicker Mark Moseley, discussing the 23-yard field goal he missed in overtime against the New York Jets in the AFC Divisional Playoff Game:

"It was like carrying 80,000 people on your shoulders, and they've all got knives in your back."

GEORGE JARDIN

When Rulon Jones (75) sacked Eason in the end zone, with just 1:37 left, it was lights out for the Patriots in Denver.

Did the Bears overlook the Redskins?

"Absolutely," said defensive end Dexter Manley of Washington. "They looked past us. They were out getting sized up for their Super Bowl rings."

Manley and his defensive teammates chased 5-foot 9-inch Chicago quarterback Doug Flutie all over Soldier Field, holding him to 11 completions in 31 attempts for just 134 yards. They also held Walter Payton to 38 yards on 14 carries. Payton fumbled the ball away at the Redskins' 17-yard line with the score 14-13. Washington then drove 83 yards to George Rogers's one-yard touchdown run that made it 21-13.

Meanwhile, the Redskins' Jay Schroeder threw 28- and 23-yard touchdown passes to wide receiver Art Monk.

In Cleveland, the Browns had not won a playoff game since 1969, and the streak appeared to be in no danger of ending when the wild-card Jets took a 20-10 lead with 4:14 left in the game. Freeman McNeil ran 25 yards down the right sideline for the touchdown that gave New York a 10-point lead on the first play after cornerback Jerry Holmes had intercepted a Bernie Kosar pass.

But Kosar rallied the Browns to a 20-20 tie by directing a 68-yard touchdown drive and a 62-yard field-goal drive. On the touchdown drive, Kosar completed his last four passes, and Kevin Mack scored from the 1-yard line with 1:57 left.

On the march to the field goal, Kosar passed 37 yards to rookie wide receiver Webster Slaughter to put the ball on the Jets' 5. Then Moseley kicked a 22-yard field goal with seven seconds left to send the game into overtime.

The Browns rallied behind Kosar (below), who set playoff records completing 33 of 64 passes for 489 yards.

AL MESSERSCHMIDT

Kosar drove his team downfield the first time Cleveland got the ball in overtime, but Moseley, who kicked three field goals and missed three in the game, shanked a 23-yard field-goal attempt.

Cleveland gave Moseley another chance to win it with a 60-yard drive to the Jets' 9-yard line that spanned the end of the first overtime and beginning of the second. Mack ran for 36 of the 60 yards on six carries. This time Moseley connected, giving the Browns their sixth victory in a row.

Kosar set NFL playoff passing records with 489 yards and 64 attempts, and tied the record for completions (33), equaling and surpassing marks set by San Diego's Dan Fouts.

In Denver, Elway played the entire second half with a sprained ankle before throwing the winning touchdown pass. He also scrambled 22 yards for a first-half touchdown and threw for 257 yards in all. Denver, which was twentieth in the NFL in rushing, got a big boost from Sammy Winder, who ran for 102 yards on 19 carries.

New England's Tony Eason threw 19- and 45-yard scoring passes to wide receiver Stanley Morgan as the Patriots took 7-3 and 17-13 leads. But, trailing 20-17, Eason never got a chance to send the game into overtime or win it outright because he was sacked in the end zone for a safety by Broncos defensive end Rulon Jones with 1:37 left. New England failed on an onside free kick after the safety, and the Broncos ran out the clock. □

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WHEN JOHN ELWAY HUDdled the Denver Broncos in their own end zone, they were a long way from winning the AFC championship.

To be precise, they were 98 yards away from even tying the Cleveland Browns, who led 20-13, had a six-game winning streak going, and had nearly 80,000 fans behind them. The clock showed 5:32 left in the game and perhaps in the season. Then wide receiver Steve Watson noticed quarterback John Elway was smiling.

"John said, 'If you guys work hard, good things are going to happen,'" Watson said. "Then he gave us a smile. I've never seen him like that."

Anyone who can smile in the face of adversity is already on his way to overcoming it, and Elway did just that.

Operating on a sprained ankle, as he did all day, the 26-year-old quarterback completed six passes and ran twice for 20 yards, driving the Broncos those 98 yards in 15 plays. With 37 seconds left, he drilled a 5-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Mark Jackson, pulling his team into a 20-20 tie and sending the game into overtime.

On Denver's first possession in overtime, Elway came right back out and directed the Broncos on a 60-yard drive to the Cleveland 15. When the advance stalled there, Rich Karlis kicked a 33-yard field goal that won the game 23-20. The fourth-year quarterback's 22- and 28-yard passes to Orson Mobley and Watson were the major gains on the winning drive.

AL MESSERSCHMIDT

John Elway starts on run escorted by Gerald Willhite (47). Elway ran for 56 yards, including 20 on the game-tying drive.

"It hasn't sunk in yet," Elway said. "I'm going to have to slap myself."

In New York, the slapping was done by the Giants, who won the NFC title with a 17-0 rout of the Washington Redskins, overcoming a wind that gusted to as much as 35 miles an hour. The victory ended 30 years of frustration. The Giants last won the NFL title in 1956 and didn't even dare to dream of the Super Bowl as recently as 1983 when they were 3-12-1.

It was the third successive year that the NFC Championship Game ended in a shutout. The Giants headed for the Super Bowl with an 11-game winning streak by holding Washington to 190 yards. It was their third defeat of the Redskins this season. Against the fierce Giants defense, Washington was 0-for-14 on third-down conversions and 0-4 on fourth-down tries.

But Cleveland Stadium was the site of the day's greatest drama. On a gray, blustery afternoon in which the wind-chill factor was 10 degrees, Elway completed 22 of 38 passes for 244 yards and scrambled four times for 56 yards.

The Browns' Bernie Kosar completed 18 of 32 passes for 259 yards and two touchdowns, including a 48-yard pass to wide receiver Brian Brennan that gave Cleveland the 20-13 lead with 5:43 left. Cleveland also led 7-0 in the first quarter when Kosar threw a 6-yard scoring pass to running back Herman Fontenot. But the Browns also made several costly mistakes in the first half. Kosar threw an interception that linebacker Jim Ryan returned 26 yards to set up a field goal, and Kevin Mack lost a fumble on the Cleveland 37; linebacker Ken Woodard recovered to set up a 1-yard touchdown run by Gerald Willhite. Willhite's score was helped by the Browns' defense, which played the down with only 10 men.

Harry Carson (53), who normally does the honors, gets doused with coach Bill Parcells by nose tackle Jim Burt after victory.

JIM TURNER

The Giants also had help. They scored all of their points in the first half, and started all of their drives in Washington territory.

Winning the coin toss, New York chose to kick off with the wind. When the Redskins were stopped twice in the first quarter, Steve Cox's 23- and 27-yard punts into the wind set up the Giants on the Redskins' 47- and 38-yard lines. Raul Allegre kicked a 47-yard field goal, and Phil Simms threw an 11-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Lionel Manuel.

A bungled Washington field-goal attempt in the second quarter left the Giants on the Redskins' 49. Six plays later, Joe Morris scored from the 1. □

AFC

Broncos 23, Browns 20 (OT)

Denver	0	10	3	7	3	**—23**
Cleveland	7	3	0	10	0	**—20**

Cle — Fontenot 6 pass from Kosar (Moseley kick)
Den — FG Karlis 19
Den — Willhite 1 run (Karlis kick)
Cle — FG Moseley 29
Den — FG Karlis 26
Cle — FG Moseley 24
Cle — Brennan 48 pass from Kosar (Moseley kick)
Den — M. Jackson 5 pass from Elway (Karlis kick)
Den — FG Karlis 33
Attendance — 79,915

NFC

Giants 17, Redskins 0

Washington	0	0	0	0	—	**0**
N.Y. Giants	10	7	0	0	—	**17**

NYG — FG Allegre 47
NYG — Manuel 11 pass from Simms (Allegre kick)
NYG — Morris 1 run (Allegre kick)
Attendance — 76,633

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1986 STATISTICS

AFC LEADING RUSHERS

	Att.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD
Curt Warner, Seattle	319	1481	4.6	60	13
James Brooks, Cincinnati	205	1087	5.3	56	5
Earnest Jackson, Pittsburgh	216	910	4.2	31	5
Walter Abercrombie, Pittsburgh	214	877	4.1	38	6
Freeman McNeil, N.Y. Jets	214	856	4.0	40	5
Lorenzo Hampton, Miami	186	830	4.5	54	9
Sammy Winder, Denver	240	789	3.3	31	9
Marcus Allen, L.A. Raiders	208	759	3.6	28	5
Kevin Mack, Cleveland	174	665	3.8	20	10
Mike Rozier, Houston	199	662	3.3	19	4
Robb Riddick, Buffalo	150	632	4.2	41	4
Randy McMillan, Indianapolis	189	609	3.2	28	3
Johnny Hector, N.Y. Jets	164	605	3.7	41	8
John L. Williams, Seattle	129	538	4.2	36	0
Napoleon McCallum, L.A. Raiders	142	536	3.8	18	1
Curtis Dickey, Cleveland	135	523	3.9	47	6
Larry Kinnebrew, Cincinnati	131	519	4.0	39	8
Mike Pruitt, Kansas City	139	448	3.2	16	2
Gary Anderson, San Diego	127	442	3.5	17	1
Craig James, New England	154	427	2.8	16	4

NFC LEADING RUSHERS

	Att.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TD
Eric Dickerson, L.A. Rams	404	1821	4.5	42	11
Joe Morris, N.Y. Giants	341	1516	4.4	54	14
Rueben Mayes, New Orleans	286	1353	4.7	50	8
Walter Payton, Chicago	321	1333	4.2	41	8
Gerald Riggs, Atlanta	343	1327	3.9	31	9
George Rogers, Washington	303	1203	4.0	42	18
James Jones, Detroit	252	903	3.6	39	8
Roger Craig, San Francisco	204	830	4.1	25	7
Stump Mitchell, St. Louis	174	800	4.6	44	5
Darrin Nelson, Minnesota	191	793	4.2	42	4
Tony Dorsett, Dallas	184	748	4.1	33	5
Herschel Walker, Dallas	151	737	4.9	84	12
James Wilder, Tampa Bay	190	704	3.7	45	2
Garry James, Detroit	159	688	4.3	60	3
Joe Cribbs, San Francisco	152	590	3.9	19	5
Keith Byars, Philadelphia	177	577	3.3	32	1
Earl Ferrell, St. Louis	124	548	4.4	25	0
Randall Cunningham, Philadelphia	66	540	8.2	20	5
Kenneth Davis, Green Bay	114	519	4.6	50	0
Barry Redden, L.A. Rams	110	467	4.2	41	4

LONGEST RUNS

NFC—84 yards, Herschel Walker, Dallas vs. Philadelphia, December 14 (TD)
AFC—70 yards, Albert Bentley, Indianapolis vs. L.A. Raiders, December 21 (TD)

BEST PERFORMANCES

NFC—207 yards, 30 attempts, Eric Dickerson, L.A. Rams vs. Tampa Bay, October 5
AFC—192 yards, 24 attempts, Curt Warner, Seattle vs. Denver, December 20

AFC LEADING SCORERS, TOUCHDOWNS

	TD	Rush	Rec.	Ret.	Pts.
Sammy Winder, Denver	14	9	5	0	84
Curt Warner, Seattle	13	13	0	0	78
Lorenzo Hampton, Miami	12	9	3	0	72
Wesley Walker, N.Y. Jets	12	0	12	0	72
Mark Duper, Miami	11	0	11	0	66
Stephone Paige, Kansas City	11	0	11	0	66
Mark Clayton, Miami	10	0	10	0	60
Cris Collinsworth, Cincinnati	10	0	10	0	60
Kevin Mack, Cleveland	10	10	0	0	60
Stanley Morgan, New England	10	0	10	0	60

NFC LEADING SCORERS, TOUCHDOWNS

	TD	Rush	Rec.	Ret.	Pts.
George Rogers, Washington	18	18	0	0	108
Jerry Rice, San Francisco	16	1	15	0	96
Joe Morris, N.Y. Giants	15	14	1	0	90
Herschel Walker, Dallas	14	12	2	0	84
Eric Dickerson, L.A. Rams	11	11	0	0	66
Walter Payton, Chicago	11	8	3	0	66
James Jones, Detroit	9	8	1	0	54
Mike Quick, Philadelphia	9	0	9	0	54
Gerald Riggs, Atlanta	9	9	0	0	54
Rueben Mayes, New Orleans	8	8	0	0	48

BEST PERFORMANCES

AFC—24 points, 4 touchdowns, Wesley Walker, N.Y. Jets vs. Miami, September 21
NFC—18 points, 3 touchdowns, Jerry Rice, San Francisco vs. Indianapolis, October 5; 18 points, 3 touchdowns, George Rogers, Washington vs. Minnesota, November 2; 18 points, 3 touchdowns, Jerry Rice, San Francisco vs. St. Louis, November 9; 18 points, 3 touchdowns, Walter Stanley, Green Bay vs. Detroit, November 27; 18 points, 3 touchdowns, Mike Quick, Philadelphia vs. L.A. Raiders, November 30; 18 points, 3 touchdowns, Joe Morris, N.Y. Giants vs. St. Louis, December 14

AFC LEADING SCORERS, KICKING

	PAT	FG	Long	Pts.
Tony Franklin, New England	44/45	32/41	49	140
Norm Johnson, Seattle	42/42	22/35	54	108
Rich Karlis, Denver	44/45	20/28	51	104
Jim Breech, Cincinnati	50/51	17/32	51	101
Nick Lowery, Kansas City	43/43	19/26	47	100
Chris Bahr, L.A. Raiders	36/36	21/28	52	99
Gary Anderson, Pittsburgh	32/32	21/32	45	95
Fuad Reveiz, Miami	52/55	14/22	52	94
Tony Zendejas, Houston	28/29	22/27	51	94
Pat Leahy, N.Y. Jets	44/44	16/19	50	92

NFC LEADING SCORERS, KICKING

	PAT	FG	Long	Pts.
Kevin Butler, Chicago	36/37	28/41	52	120
Ray Wersching, San Francisco	41/42	25/35	50	116
Chuck Nelson, Minnesota	44/47	22/28	53	110
Morten Andersen, New Orleans	30/30	26/30	53	108
Raul Allegre, N.Y. Giants	33/33	24/32	46	105
Rafael Septien, Dallas	43/43	15/21	50	88
Paul McFadden, Philadelphia	26/27	20/31	50	86
Mike Lansford, L.A. Rams	34/35	17/24	50	85
Ed Murray, Detroit	31/32	18/25	52	85
Al Del Greco, Green Bay	29/29	17/27	50	80

LONGEST FIELD GOALS

NFC—57 yards, Steve Cox, Washington vs. Seattle, September 28
AFC—54 yards, Norm Johnson, Seattle vs. San Diego, October 6

AFC LEADING RECEIVERS

	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Todd Christensen, L.A. Raiders	95	1153	12.1	8
Al Toon, N.Y. Jets	85	1176	13.8	8
Stanley Morgan, New England	84	1491	17.8	10
Gary Anderson, San Diego	80	871	10.9	8
Tony Collins, New England	77	684	8.9	5
Matt Bouza, Indianapolis	71	830	11.7	5
Steve Largent, Seattle	70	1070	15.3	9
Mickey Shuler, N.Y. Jets	69	675	9.8	4
Mark Duper, Miami	67	1313	19.6	11
Bill Brooks, Indianapolis	65	1131	17.4	8
Drew Hill, Houston	65	1112	17.1	5
Kellen Winslow, San Diego	64	728	11.4	5
Gerald Willhite, Denver	64	529	8.3	3
Cris Collinsworth, Cincinnati	62	1024	16.5	10
Ernest Givins, Houston	61	1062	17.4	3
Lorenzo Hampton, Miami	61	446	7.3	3
Mark Clayton, Miami	60	1150	19.2	10
Eddie Brown, Cincinnati	58	964	16.6	4
Wes Chandler, San Diego	56	874	15.6	4
Brian Brennan, Cleveland	55	838	15.2	6

NFC LEADING RECEIVERS

	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Jerry Rice, San Francisco	86	1570	18.3	15
Roger Craig, San Francisco	81	624	7.7	0
J.T. Smith, St. Louis	80	1014	12.7	6
Herschel Walker, Dallas	76	837	11.0	2
Gary Clark, Washington	74	1265	17.1	7
Art Monk, Washington	73	1068	14.6	4
Mark Bavaro, N.Y. Giants	66	1001	15.2	4
James Lofton, Green Bay	64	840	13.1	4
Charlie Brown, Atlanta	63	918	14.6	4
Dwight Clark, San Francisco	61	794	13.0	2
Mike Quick, Philadelphia	60	939	15.7	9
Steve Jordan, Minnesota	58	859	14.8	6
Earl Ferrell, St. Louis	56	434	7.8	3
James Jones, Detroit	54	334	6.2	1
Jeff Chadwick, Detroit	53	995	18.8	5
Darrin Nelson, Minnesota	53	593	11.2	3
Tony Hill, Dallas	49	770	15.7	3
Phillip Epps, Green Bay	49	612	12.5	4
Mike Jones, New Orleans	48	625	13.0	3
Timmy Newsome, Dallas	48	421	8.8	3

BEST PERFORMANCES

NFC—13 receptions, 130 yards, Kelvin Bryant, Washington vs. N.Y. Giants, December 7
AFC—11 receptions, 92 yards, Gary Anderson, San Diego vs. Kansas City, October 19; 11 receptions, 158 yards, Todd Christensen, L.A. Raiders vs. Denver, November 2; 11 receptions, 173 yards, Todd Christensen, L.A. Raiders vs. San Diego, November 20

AFC LEADING PUNTERS

	No.	Yards	Long	Avg.
Rohn Stark, Indianapolis	76	3432	63	45.2
Reggie Roby, Miami	56	2476	73	44.2
Rich Camarillo, New England	89	3746	64	42.1
Ralf Mojsiejenko, San Diego	72	3026	62	42.0
Jeff Gossett, Cleveland	83	3423	61	41.2
Lee Johnson, Houston	88	3623	66	41.2
Lewis Colbert, Kansas City	99	4033	56	40.7
John Kidd, Buffalo	75	3031	57	40.4
Ray Guy, L.A. Raiders	90	3620	64	40.2
Harry Newsome, Pittsburgh	86	3447	64	40.1
Dave Jennings, N.Y. Jets	85	3353	55	39.4
Vince Gamache, Seattle	79	3048	55	38.6
Jeff Hayes, Cincinnati	56	1965	52	35.1

NFC LEADING PUNTERS

	No.	Yards	Long	Avg.
Sean Landeta, N.Y. Giants	79	3539	61	44.8
Rick Donnelly, Atlanta	78	3421	71	43.9
Steve Cox, Washington	75	3271	58	43.6
Brian Hansen, New Orleans	81	3456	66	42.7
John Teltschik, Philadelphia	108	4493	62	41.6
Max Runager, San Francisco	83	3450	62	41.6
Greg Coleman, Minnesota	67	2774	69	41.4
Maury Buford, Chicago	69	2850	59	41.3
Mike Saxon, Dallas	86	3498	58	40.7
Frank Garcia, Tampa Bay	77	3089	60	40.1
Don Bracken, Green Bay	55	2203	63	40.1
Mike Black, Detroit	46	1819	57	39.5
Dale Hatcher, L.A. Rams	97	3740	57	38.6
Greg Cater, St. Louis	61	2271	52	37.2

LONGEST PUNTS

AFC—73 yards, Reggie Roby, Miami vs. San Francisco, September 28; 73 yards, Reggie Roby, Miami vs. New England, October 5
NFC—71 yards, Rick Donnelly, Atlanta vs. N.Y. Jets, November 9

AFC LEADING PUNT RETURNERS

	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Bobby Joe Edmonds, Seattle	34	419	12.3	1
Gerald Willhite, Denver	42	468	11.1	1
Irving Fryar, New England	35	366	10.5	1
Gary Anderson, San Diego	25	227	9.1	0
Fulton Walker, L.A. Raiders	49	440	9.0	1
Rick Woods, Pittsburgh	33	294	8.9	0
Gerald McNeil, Cleveland	40	348	8.7	1
Jeff Smith, Kansas City	29	245	8.4	0
Kurt Sohn, N.Y. Jets	35	289	8.3	0
Willie Drewrey, Houston	34	262	7.7	0

NFC LEADING PUNT RETURNERS

	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Vai Sikahema, Seattle	43	522	12.1	2
Don Griffin, San Francisco	38	377	9.9	1
Pete Mandley, Detroit	43	420	9.8	1
Ken Jenkins, Washington	28	270	9.6	0
Walter Stanley, Green Bay	33	316	9.6	1
Eric Martin, New Orleans	24	227	9.5	0
Lew Barnes, Chicago	57	482	8.5	0
Mickey Sutton, L.A. Rams	28	234	8.4	0
Phil McConkey, N.Y. Giants	32	253	7.9	0
Rufus Bess, Minnesota	23	162	7.0	0

1986 STATISTICS

LONGEST PUNT RETURNS

AFC — 84 yards, Gerald McNeil, Cleveland vs. Detroit, September 28 (TD)
NFC — 83 yards, Walter Stanley, Green Bay vs. Detroit, November 27 (TD)

AFC LEADING KICKOFF RETURNERS

	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Lupe Sanchez, Pittsburgh	25	591	23.6	0
Tim McGee, Cincinnati	43	1007	23.4	0
Bobby Humphery, N.Y. Jets	28	655	23.4	1
Ken Bell, Denver	23	531	23.1	0
Gene Lang, Denver	21	480	22.9	0
Bobby Joe Edmonds, Seattle	34	764	22.5	0
Stephen Starring, New England	36	802	22.3	0
Craig Ellis, Miami	25	541	21.6	0
Albert Bentley, Indianapolis	32	687	21.5	0
Stefon Adams, L.A. Raiders	27	573	21.2	0

NFC LEADING KICKOFF RETURNERS

	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD
Dennis Gentry, Chicago	20	576	28.8	1
Mel Gray, New Orleans	31	866	27.9	1
Vai Sikahema, St. Louis	37	847	22.9	0
Rufus Bess, Minnesota	31	705	22.7	0
Ron Brown, L.A. Rams	36	794	22.1	0
Sylvester Stamps, Atlanta	24	514	21.4	0
Herman Hunter, Detroit	49	1007	20.6	0
Ken Jenkins, Washington	27	554	20.5	0
Walter Stanley, Green Bay	28	559	20.0	0
Donnie Elder, Pitt.-Detroit	22	435	19.8	0

LONGEST KICKOFF RETURNS

NFC — 101 yards, Mel Gray, New Orleans vs. San Francisco, September 21 (TD)
AFC — 100 yards, Gerald McNeil, Cleveland vs. Pittsburgh, October 5 (TD)

AFC LEADING INTERCEPTORS

	No.	Yards	Long	TD
Deron Cherry, Kansas City	9	150	49	0
Ronnie Lippett, New England	8	76	43	0
Vann McElroy, L.A. Raiders	7	105	28	0
Louis Breeden, Cincinnati	7	72	36	1
Mike Harden, Denver	6	179	52	2
Jerry Holmes, N.Y. Jets	6	29	28	0
Lloyd Burruss, Kansas City	5	193	72	3
Dave Brown, Seattle	5	58	24	1
Gill Byrd, San Diego	5	45	18	0
Lester Lyles, N.Y. Jets	5	36	22	0
Johnny Lynn, N.Y. Jets	5	36	26	0
Hanford Dixon, Cleveland	5	35	19	0

NFC LEADING INTERCEPTORS

	No.	Yards	Long	TD
Ronnie Lott, San Francisco	10	134	57	1
Dave Waymer, New Orleans	9	48	17	0
Mark Lee, Green Bay	9	33	11	0
Jerry Gray, L.A. Rams	8	101	28	0
Issaic Holt, Minnesota	8	54	27	0
Mike Richardson, Chicago	7	69	32	0
LeRoy Irvin, L.A. Rams	6	150	50	1
Dave Duerson, Chicago	6	139	38	0
Michael Downs, Dallas	6	54	31	0
Andre Waters, Philadelphia	6	39	21	0
Tim McKyer, San Francisco	6	33	21	1
Roynell Young, Philadelphia	6	9	9	0

NFC LEADING PASSERS

	Att.	Comp.	Pct. Comp.	Yds. Gnd.	Avg. Gain	TD	Pct. TD	Long	Int.	Pct. Int.	Rating
Tommy Kramer, Minnesota	372	208	55.9	3000	8.06	24	6.5	76	10	2.7	92.6
Joe Montana, San Francisco	307	191	62.2	2236	7.28	8	2.6	48	9	2.9	80.7
Eric Hipple, Detroit	305	192	63.0	1919	6.29	9	3.0	46	11	3.6	75.6
Phil Simms, N.Y. Giants	468	259	55.3	3487	7.45	21	4.5	49	22	4.7	74.6
Neil Lomax, St. Louis	421	240	57.0	2583	6.14	13	3.1	48	12	2.9	73.6
Jay Schroeder, Washington	541	276	51.0	4109	7.60	22	4.1	71	22	4.1	72.9
Dave Archer, Atlanta	294	150	51.0	2007	6.83	10	3.4	65	9	3.1	71.6
Ron Jaworski, Philadelphia	245	128	52.2	1405	5.73	8	3.3	56	6	2.4	70.2
Steve Pelluer, Dallas	378	215	56.9	2727	7.21	8	2.1	84	17	4.5	67.9
Randy Wright, Green Bay	492	263	53.5	3247	6.60	17	3.5	62	23	4.7	66.2
Dave Wilson, New Orleans	342	189	55.3	2353	6.88	10	2.9	63	17	5.0	65.8
Steve Young, Tampa Bay	363	195	53.7	2282	6.29	8	2.2	46	13	3.6	65.5

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Keith Bishop — Denver
Roy Foster — Miami

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Dwight Stephenson — Miami
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Rulon Jones — Denver
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Dexter Manley — Washington
Reggie White — Philadelphia
Leonard Marshall — New York Giants

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Lawrence Taylor — New York Giants
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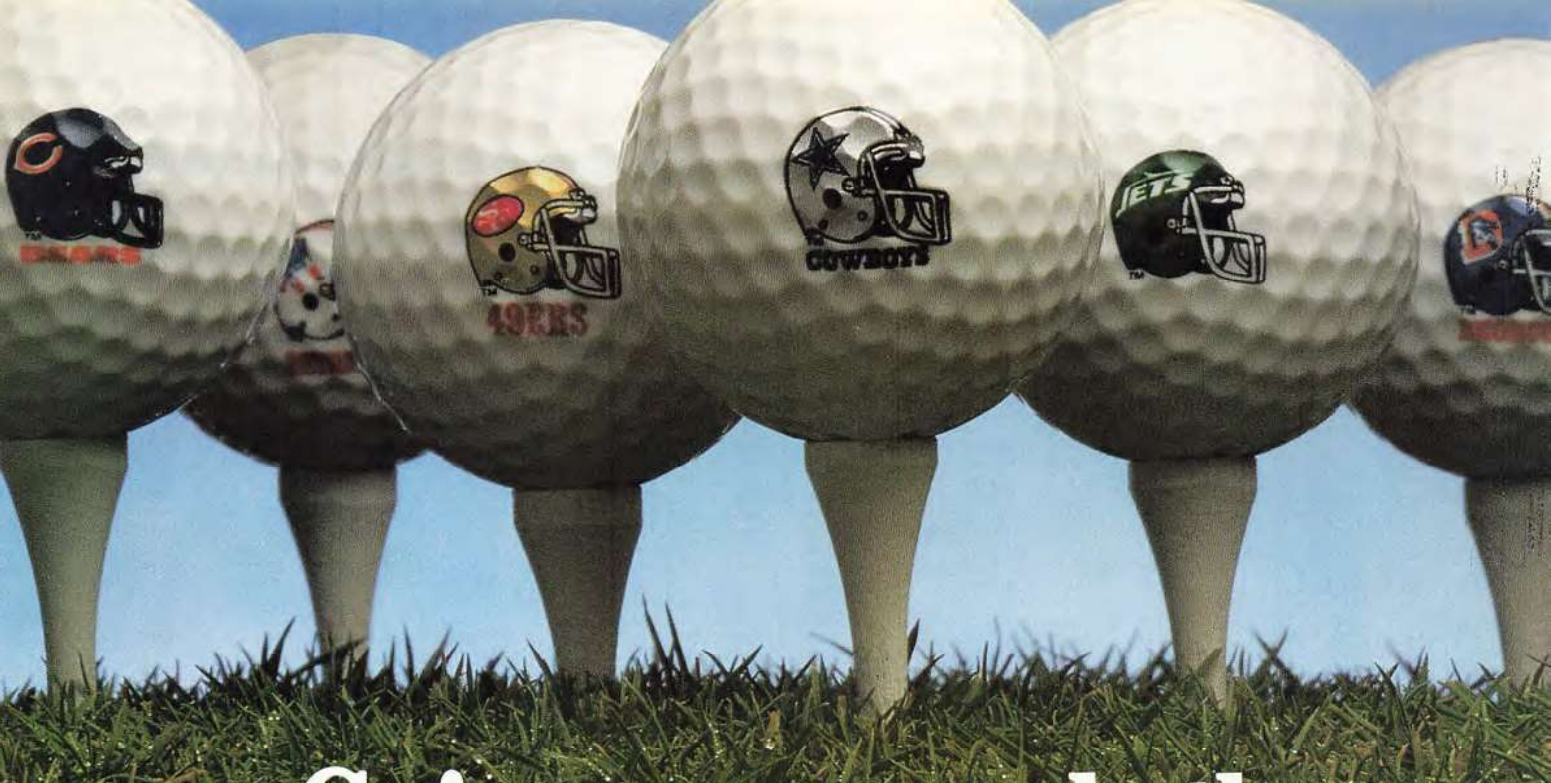
AFC LEADING PASSERS

	Att.	Comp.	Pct. Comp.	Yds. Gnd.	Avg. Gain	TD	Pct. TD	Long	Int.	Pct. Int.	Rating
Dan Marino, Miami	623	378	60.7	4746	7.62	44	7.1	85	23	3.7	92.5
Dave Krieg, Seattle	375	225	60.0	2921	7.79	21	5.6	72	11	2.9	91.0
Tony Eason, New England	448	276	61.6	3328	7.43	19	4.2	49	10	2.2	89.2
Boomer Esiason, Cincinnati	469	273	58.2	3959	8.44	24	5.1	57	17	3.6	87.7
Ken O'Brien, N.Y. Jets	482	300	62.2	3690	7.66	25	5.2	83	20	4.1	85.8
Bernie Kosar, Cleveland	531	310	58.4	3854	7.26	17	3.2	72	10	1.9	83.8
Jim Kelly, Buffalo	480	285	59.4	3593	7.49	22	4.6	84	17	3.5	83.3
Jim Plunkett, L.A. Raiders	252	133	52.8	1986	7.88	14	5.6	81	9	3.6	82.5
John Elway, Denver	504	280	55.6	3485	6.91	19	3.8	53	13	2.6	79.0
Dan Fouts, San Diego	430	252	58.6	3031	7.05	16	3.7	65	22	5.1	71.4
Bill Kenney, Kansas City	308	161	52.3	1922	6.24	13	4.2	53	11	3.6	70.8
Marc Wilson, L.A. Raiders	240	129	53.8	1721	7.17	12	5.0	57	15	6.3	67.4
Mark Malone, Pittsburgh	425	216	50.8	2444	5.75	15	3.5	48	18	4.2	62.5
Warren Moon, Houston	488	256	52.5	3489	7.15	13	2.7	81	26	5.3	62.3
Jack Trudeau, Indianapolis	417	204	48.9	2225	5.34	8	1.9	84	18	4.3	53.5



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BUFFALO BILLS

Sept. 7	NEW YORK JETS	24-28
Sept. 14	at Cincinnati*	33-36
Sept. 21	ST. LOUIS	17-10
Sept. 28	KANSAS CITY	17-20
Oct. 5	at New York Jets	13-14
Oct. 12	at Miami	14-27
Oct. 19	INDIANAPOLIS	24-13
Oct. 26	NEW ENGLAND	3-23
Nov. 2	at Tampa Bay	28-34
Nov. 9	PITTSBURGH	16-12
Nov. 16	MIAMI	24-34
Nov. 23	at New England	19-22
Nov. 30	at Kansas City	17-14
Dec. 7	CLEVELAND	17-21
Dec. 14	at Indianapolis	14-24
Dec. 21	at Houston	7-16
W4 L12		**287-348**

CINCINNATI BENGALS

Sept. 7	at Kansas City	14-24
Sept. 14	BUFFALO*	36-33
Sept. 18	at Cleveland (Thurs.)	30-13
Sept. 28	CHICAGO	7-44
Oct. 5	at Green Bay	34-28
Oct. 13	PITTSBURGH (Mon.)	24-22
Oct. 19	HOUSTON	31-28
Oct. 26	at Pittsburgh	9-30
Nov. 2	at Detroit	24-17
Nov. 9	at Houston	28-32
Nov. 16	SEATTLE	34-7
Nov. 23	MINNESOTA	24-20
Nov. 30	at Denver	28-34
Dec. 7	at New England	31-7
Dec. 14	CLEVELAND	3-34
Dec. 21	NEW YORK JETS	52-21
W10 L6		**409-394**

CLEVELAND BROWNS

Sept. 7	at Chicago	31-41
Sept. 14	at Houston	23-20
Sept. 18	CINCINNATI (Thurs.)	13-30
Sept. 28	DETROIT	24-21
Oct. 5	at Pittsburgh	27-24
Oct. 12	KANSAS CITY	20-7
Oct. 19	GREEN BAY	14-17
Oct. 26	at Minnesota	23-20
Nov. 2	at Indianapolis	24-9
Nov. 10	MIAMI (Mon.)	26-16
Nov. 16	at Los Angeles Raiders	14-27
Nov. 23	PITTSBURGH*	37-31
Nov. 30	HOUSTON*	13-10
Dec. 7	at Buffalo	21-17
Dec. 14	at Cincinnati	34-3
Dec. 21	SAN DIEGO	47-17
W12 L4		**391-310**

DENVER BRONCOS

Sept. 7	LOS ANGELES RAIDERS	38-36
Sept. 15	at Pittsburgh (Mon.)	21-10
Sept. 21	at Philadelphia	33-7
Sept. 28	NEW ENGLAND	27-20
Oct. 5	DALLAS	29-14
Oct. 12	at San Diego	31-14
Oct. 20	at New York Jets (Mon.)	10-22
Oct. 26	SEATTLE	20-13
Nov. 2	at Los Angeles Raiders	21-10
Nov. 9	SAN DIEGO	3-9
Nov. 16	KANSAS CITY	38-17
Nov. 23	at New York Giants	16-19
Nov. 30	CINCINNATI	34-28
Dec. 7	at Kansas City	10-37
Dec. 13	WASHINGTON (Sat.)	31-30
Dec. 20	at Seattle (Sat.)	16-41
W11 L5		**378-327**

HOUSTON OILERS

Sept. 7	at Green Bay	31-3
Sept. 14	CLEVELAND	20-23
Sept. 21	at Kansas City	13-27
Sept. 28	PITTSBURGH*	16-22
Oct. 5	at Detroit	13-24
Oct. 12	CHICAGO	7-20
Oct. 19	at Cincinnati	28-31
Oct. 26	LOS ANGELES RAIDERS	17-28
Nov. 2	at Miami	7-28
Nov. 9	CINCINNATI	32-28
Nov. 16	at Pittsburgh	10-21
Nov. 23	INDIANAPOLIS	31-17
Nov. 30	at Cleveland*	10-13
Dec. 7	at San Diego	0-27
Dec. 14	MINNESOTA	23-10
Dec. 21	BUFFALO	16-7
W5 L11		**274-329**

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

Sept. 7	at New England	3-33
Sept. 14	at Miami	10-30
Sept. 21	LOS ANGELES RAMS	7-24
Sept. 28	NEW YORK JETS	7-26
Oct. 5	at San Francisco	14-35
Oct. 12	NEW ORLEANS	14-17
Oct. 19	at Buffalo	13-24
Oct. 26	MIAMI	13-17
Nov. 2	CLEVELAND	9-24
Nov. 9	NEW ENGLAND	21-30
Nov. 16	at New York Jets	16-31
Nov. 23	at Houston	17-31
Nov. 30	SAN DIEGO	3-17
Dec. 7	at Atlanta	28-23
Dec. 14	BUFFALO	24-14
Dec. 21	at Los Angeles Raiders	30-24
W3 L13		**229-400**

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

Sept. 7	CINCINNATI	24-13
Sept. 14	at Seattle	17-23
Sept. 21	HOUSTON	27-13
Sept. 28	at Buffalo	20-17
Oct. 5	LOS ANGELES RAIDERS	17-24
Oct. 12	at Cleveland	7-20
Oct. 19	SAN DIEGO	42-41
Oct. 26	TAMPA BAY	27-20
Nov. 2	at San Diego	24-23
Nov. 9	SEATTLE	27-7
Nov. 16	at Denver	17-38
Nov. 23	at St. Louis	14-23
Nov. 30	BUFFALO	14-17
Dec. 7	DENVER	37-10
Dec. 14	at Los Angeles Raiders	20-17
Dec. 21	at Pittsburgh	24-19
W10 L6		**358-326**

LOS ANGELES RAIDERS

Sept. 7	at Denver	36-38
Sept. 14	at Washington	6-10
Sept. 21	NEW YORK GIANTS	9-14
Sept. 28	SAN DIEGO	17-13
Oct. 5	at Kansas City	24-17
Oct. 12	SEATTLE	14-10
Oct. 19	at Miami	30-28
Oct. 26	at Houston	28-17
Nov. 2	DENVER	10-21
Nov. 9	at Dallas	17-13
Nov. 16	CLEVELAND	27-14
Nov. 20	at San Diego (Thurs)*	37-31
Nov. 30	PHILADELPHIA*	27-33
Dec. 8	at Seattle (Mon.)	0-37
Dec. 14	KANSAS CITY	17-20
Dec. 21	INDIANAPOLIS	24-30
W8 L8		**323-346**

MIAMI DOLPHINS

Sept. 7	at San Diego	28-50
Sept. 14	INDIANAPOLIS	30-10
Sept. 21	at New York Jets*	45-51
Sept. 28	SAN FRANCISCO	16-31
Oct. 5	at New England	7-34
Oct. 12	BUFFALO	27-14
Oct. 19	LOS ANGELES RAIDERS	28-30
Oct. 26	at Indianapolis	17-13
Nov. 2	HOUSTON	28-7
Nov. 10	at Cleveland (Mon.)	16-26
Nov. 16	at Buffalo	34-24
Nov. 24	NEW YORK JETS (Mon.)	45-3
Nov. 30	ATLANTA	14-20
Dec. 7	at New Orleans	31-27
Dec. 14	at Los Angeles Rams*	37-31
Dec. 22	NEW ENGLAND (Mon.)	27-34
W8 L8		**430-405**

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

Sept. 7	INDIANAPOLIS	33-3
Sept. 11	at New York Jets (Thurs.)	20-6
Sept. 21	SEATTLE	31-38
Sept. 28	at Denver	20-27
Oct. 5	MIAMI	34-7
Oct. 12	NEW YORK JETS	24-31
Oct. 19	at Pittsburgh	34-0
Oct. 26	at Buffalo	23-3
Nov. 2	ATLANTA	25-17
Nov. 9	at Indianapolis	30-21
Nov. 16	at Los Angeles Rams	30-28
Nov. 23	BUFFALO	22-19
Nov. 30	at New Orleans	21-20
Dec. 7	CINCINNATI	7-31
Dec. 14	SAN FRANCISCO	24-29
Dec. 22	at Miami (Mon.)	34-27
W11 L5		**412-307**

NEW YORK JETS

Sept. 7	at Buffalo	28-24
Sept. 11	NEW ENGLAND (Thurs.)	6-20
Sept. 21	MIAMI*	51-45
Sept. 28	at Indianapolis	26-7
Oct. 5	BUFFALO	14-13
Oct. 12	at New England	31-24
Oct. 20	DENVER (Mon.)	22-10
Oct. 26	NEW ORLEANS	28-23
Nov. 2	at Seattle	38-7
Nov. 9	at Atlanta	28-14
Nov. 16	INDIANAPOLIS	31-16
Nov. 24	at Miami (Mon.)	3-45
Nov. 30	LOS ANGELES RAMS	3-17
Dec. 7	at San Francisco	10-24
Dec. 13	PITTSBURGH (Sat.)	24-45
Dec. 21	at Cincinnati	21-52
W10 L6		**364-386**

PITTSBURGH STEELERS

Sept. 7	at Seattle	0-30
Sept. 15	DENVER (Mon.)	10-21
Sept. 21	at Minnesota	7-31
Sept. 28	at Houston*	22-16
Oct. 5	CLEVELAND	24-27
Oct. 13	at Cincinnati (Mon.)	22-24
Oct. 19	NEW ENGLAND	0-34
Oct. 26	CINCINNATI	30-9
Nov. 2	GREEN BAY	27-3
Nov. 9	at Buffalo	12-16
Nov. 16	HOUSTON	21-10
Nov. 23	at Cleveland*	31-37
Nov. 30	at Chicago*	10-13
Dec. 7	DETROIT	27-17
Dec. 13	at New York Jets (Sat.)	45-24
Dec. 21	KANSAS CITY	19-24
W6 L10		**307-336**

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS

Sept. 7	MIAMI	50-28
Sept. 14	at New York Giants	7-20
Sept. 21	WASHINGTON	27-30
Sept. 28	at Los Angeles Raiders	13-17
Oct. 6	at Seattle (Mon.)	7-33
Oct. 12	DENVER	14-31
Oct. 19	at Kansas City	41-42
Oct. 26	at Philadelphia	7-23
Nov. 2	KANSAS CITY	23-24
Nov. 9	at Denver	9-3
Nov. 16	DALLAS	21-24
Nov. 20	L.A. RAIDERS (Thurs.)*	31-37
Nov. 30	at Indianapolis	17-3
Dec. 7	HOUSTON	27-0
Dec. 14	SEATTLE	24-34
Dec. 21	at Cleveland	17-47
W4 L12		**335-396**

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

Sept. 7	PITTSBURGH	30-0
Sept. 14	KANSAS CITY	23-17
Sept. 21	at New England	38-31
Sept. 28	at Washington	14-19
Oct. 6	SAN DIEGO (Mon.)	33-7
Oct. 12	at Los Angeles Raiders	10-14
Oct. 19	NEW YORK GIANTS	17-12
Oct. 26	at Denver	13-20
Nov. 2	NEW YORK JETS	7-38
Nov. 9	at Kansas City	7-27
Nov. 16	at Cincinnati	7-34
Nov. 23	PHILADELPHIA	24-20
Nov. 27	at Dallas (Thanksgiving)	31-14
Dec. 8	L.A. RAIDERS (Mon.)	37-0
Dec. 14	at San Diego	34-24
Dec. 20	DENVER (Sat.)	41-16
W10 L6		**366-293**

1986 AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE STANDINGS

Eastern Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
New England	11	5	0	.688	412	307
N.Y. Jets	10	6	0	.625	364	386
Miami	8	8	0	.500	430	405
Buffalo	4	12	0	.250	287	348
Indianapolis	3	13	0	.188	229	400

Western Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Denver	11	5	0	.688	378	327
Kansas City	10	6	0	.625	358	326
Seattle	10	6	0	.625	366	293
L.A. Raiders	8	8	0	.500	323	346
San Diego	4	12	0	.250	335	396

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Cleveland	12	4	0	.750	391	310
Cincinnati	10	6	0	.625	409	394
Pittsburgh	6	10	0	.375	307	336
Houston	5	11	0	.313	274	329

Wild Card Game
N.Y. Jets 35, Kansas City 15
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Denver 22, New England 17
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ATLANTA FALCONS

Sept. 7	at New Orleans	31-10
Sept. 14	ST. LOUIS	33-13
Sept. 21	at Dallas	37-35
Sept. 28	at Tampa Bay	23-20
Oct. 5	PHILADELPHIA	0-16
Oct. 12	LOS ANGELES RAMS	26-14
Oct. 19	SAN FRANCISCO*	10-10
Oct. 26	at Los Angeles Rams	7-14
Nov. 2	at New England	17-25
Nov. 9	NEW YORK JETS	14-28
Nov. 16	CHICAGO	10-13
Nov. 23	at San Francisco	0-20
Nov. 30	at Miami	20-14
Dec. 7	INDIANAPOLIS	23-28
Dec. 14	NEW ORLEANS	9-14
Dec. 21	at Detroit	20-6
W7 L8 T1		280-280

CHICAGO BEARS

Sept. 7	CLEVELAND	41-31
Sept. 14	PHILADELPHIA*	13-10
Sept. 22	at Green Bay (Mon.)	25-12
Sept. 28	at Cincinnati	44-7
Oct. 5	MINNESOTA	23-0
Oct. 12	at Houston	20-7
Oct. 19	at Minnesota	7-23
Oct. 26	DETROIT	13-7
Nov. 3	L.A. RAMS (Mon.)	17-20
Nov. 9	at Tampa Bay	23-3
Nov. 16	at Atlanta	13-10
Nov. 23	GREEN BAY	12-10
Nov. 30	PITTSBURGH*	13-10
Dec. 7	TAMPA BAY	48-14
Dec. 15	at Detroit (Mon.)	16-13
Dec. 21	at Dallas	24-10
W14 L2		352-187

DALLAS COWBOYS

Sept. 8	NEW YORK GIANTS (Mon.)	31-28
Sept. 14	at Detroit	31-7
Sept. 21	ATLANTA	35-37
Sept. 29	at St. Louis (Mon.)	31-7
Oct. 5	at Denver	14-29
Oct. 12	WASHINGTON	30-6
Oct. 19	at Philadelphia	17-14
Oct. 26	ST. LOUIS	37-6
Nov. 2	at New York Giants	14-17
Nov. 9	LOS ANGELES RAIDERS	13-17
Nov. 16	at San Diego	24-21
Nov. 23	at Washington	14-41
Nov. 27	SEATTLE (Thanksgiving)	14-31
Dec. 7	at Los Angeles Rams	10-29
Dec. 14	PHILADELPHIA	21-23
Dec. 21	CHICAGO	10-24
W7 L9		346-337

DETROIT LIONS

Sept. 7	at Minnesota	13-10
Sept. 14	DALLAS	7-31
Sept. 21	TAMPA BAY	20-24
Sept. 28	at Cleveland	21-24
Oct. 5	HOUSTON	24-13
Oct. 12	at Green Bay	21-14
Oct. 19	at Los Angeles Rams	10-14
Oct. 26	at Chicago	7-13
Nov. 2	CINCINNATI	17-24
Nov. 9	MINNESOTA	10-24
Nov. 16	at Philadelphia	13-11
Nov. 23	at Tampa Bay	38-17
Nov. 27	GREEN BAY (Thanksgiving)	40-44
Dec. 7	at Pittsburgh	17-27
Dec. 15	CHICAGO (Mon.)	13-16
Dec. 21	ATLANTA	6-20
W5 L11		277-326

GREEN BAY PACKERS

Sept. 7	HOUSTON	3-31
Sept. 14	at New Orleans	10-24
Sept. 22	CHICAGO (Mon.)	12-25
Sept. 28	at Minnesota	7-42
Oct. 5	CINCINNATI at Milw.	28-34
Oct. 12	DETROIT	14-21
Oct. 19	at Cleveland	17-14
Oct. 26	SAN FRANCISCO at Milw.	17-31
Nov. 2	at Pittsburgh	3-27
Nov. 9	WASHINGTON	7-16
Nov. 16	TAMPA BAY at Milw.	31-7
Nov. 23	at Chicago	10-12
Nov. 27	at Detroit (Thanksgiving)	44-40
Dec. 7	MINNESOTA	6-32
Dec. 14	at Tampa Bay	21-7
Dec. 20	at New York Giants (Sat.)	24-55
W4 L12		254-418

LOS ANGELES RAMS

Sept. 7	at St. Louis	16-10
Sept. 14	SAN FRANCISCO	16-13
Sept. 21	at Indianapolis	24-7
Sept. 28	at Philadelphia	20-34
Oct. 5	TAMPA BAY*	26-20
Oct. 12	at Atlanta	14-26
Oct. 19	DETROIT	14-10
Oct. 26	ATLANTA	14-7
Nov. 3	at Chicago (Mon.)	20-17
Nov. 9	at New Orleans	0-6
Nov. 16	NEW ENGLAND	28-30
Nov. 23	NEW ORLEANS	26-13
Nov. 30	at New York Jets	17-3
Dec. 7	DALLAS	29-10
Dec. 14	MIAMI*	31-37
Dec. 19	at San Francisco (Fri.)	14-24
W10 L6		309-267

MINNESOTA VIKINGS

Sept. 7	DETROIT	10-13
Sept. 14	at Tampa Bay	23-10
Sept. 21	PITTSBURGH	31-7
Sept. 28	GREEN BAY	42-7
Oct. 5	at Chicago	0-23
Oct. 12	at San Francisco*	27-24
Oct. 19	CHICAGO	23-7
Oct. 26	CLEVELAND	20-23
Nov. 2	at Washington*	38-44
Nov. 9	at Detroit	10-24
Nov. 16	NEW YORK GIANTS	20-22
Nov. 23	at Cincinnati	20-24
Nov. 30	TAMPA BAY	45-13
Dec. 7	at Green Bay	32-6
Dec. 14	at Houston	10-23
Dec. 21	NEW ORLEANS	33-17
W9 L7		398-273

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

Sept. 7	ATLANTA	10-31
Sept. 14	GREEN BAY	24-10
Sept. 21	at San Francisco	17-26
Sept. 28	at New York Giants	17-20
Oct. 5	WASHINGTON	6-14
Oct. 12	at Indianapolis	17-14
Oct. 19	TAMPA BAY	38-7
Oct. 26	at New York Jets	23-28
Nov. 2	SAN FRANCISCO	23-10
Nov. 9	LOS ANGELES RAMS	6-0
Nov. 16	at St. Louis	16-7
Nov. 23	at Los Angeles Rams	13-26
Nov. 30	NEW ENGLAND	20-21
Dec. 7	MIAMI	27-31
Dec. 14	at Atlanta	14-9
Dec. 21	at Minnesota	17-33
W7 L9		288-287

NEW YORK GIANTS

Sept. 8	at Dallas (Mon.)	28-31
Sept. 14	SAN DIEGO	20-7
Sept. 21	at Los Angeles Raiders	14-9
Sept. 28	NEW ORLEANS	20-17
Oct. 5	at St. Louis	13-6
Oct. 12	PHILADELPHIA	35-3
Oct. 19	at Seattle	12-17
Oct. 27	WASHINGTON (Mon.)	27-20
Nov. 2	DALLAS	17-14
Nov. 9	at Philadelphia	17-14
Nov. 16	at Minnesota	22-20
Nov. 23	DENVER	19-16
Dec. 1	at San Francisco (Mon.)	21-17
Dec. 7	at Washington	24-14
Dec. 14	ST. LOUIS	27-7
Dec. 20	GREEN BAY (Sat.)	55-24
W14 L2		371-236

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

Sept. 7	at Washington	14-41
Sept. 14	at Chicago*	10-13
Sept. 21	DENVER	7-33
Sept. 28	LOS ANGELES RAMS	34-20
Oct. 5	at Atlanta	16-0
Oct. 12	at New York Giants	3-35
Oct. 19	DALLAS	14-17
Oct. 26	SAN DIEGO	23-7
Nov. 2	at St. Louis	10-13
Nov. 9	NEW YORK GIANTS	14-17
Nov. 16	DETROIT	11-13
Nov. 23	at Seattle	20-24
Nov. 30	at Los Angeles Raiders*	33-27
Dec. 7	ST. LOUIS*	10-10
Dec. 14	at Dallas	23-21
Dec. 21	WASHINGTON	14-21
W5 L10 T1		256-312

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS

Sept. 7	LOS ANGELES RAMS	10-16
Sept. 14	at Atlanta	13-33
Sept. 21	at Buffalo	10-17
Sept. 29	DALLAS (Mon.)	7-31
Oct. 5	NEW YORK GIANTS	6-13
Oct. 12	at Tampa Bay	30-19
Oct. 19	at Washington	21-28
Oct. 26	at Dallas	6-37
Nov. 2	PHILADELPHIA	13-10
Nov. 9	at San Francisco	17-43
Nov. 16	NEW ORLEANS	7-16
Nov. 23	KANSAS CITY	23-14
Nov. 30	WASHINGTON	17-20
Dec. 7	at Philadelphia*	10-10
Dec. 14	at New York Giants	7-27
Dec. 21	TAMPA BAY	21-17
W4 L11 T1		218-351

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

Sept. 7	at Tampa Bay	31-7
Sept. 14	at Los Angeles Rams	13-16
Sept. 21	NEW ORLEANS	26-7
Sept. 28	at Miami	31-16
Oct. 5	INDIANAPOLIS	35-14
Oct. 12	MINNESOTA*	24-27
Oct. 19	at Atlanta*	10-10
Oct. 26	vs. Green Bay at Milwaukee	31-17
Nov. 2	at New Orleans	10-23
Nov. 9	ST. LOUIS	43-17
Nov. 17	at Washington (Mon.)	6-14
Nov. 23	ATLANTA	20-0
Dec. 1	NEW YORK GIANTS (Mon.)	17-21
Dec. 7	NEW YORK JETS	24-10
Dec. 14	at New England	29-24
Dec. 19	LOS ANGELES RAMS (Fri.)	24-14
W10 L5 T1		374-247

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

Sept. 7	SAN FRANCISCO	7-31
Sept. 14	MINNESOTA	10-23
Sept. 21	at Detroit	24-20
Sept. 28	ATLANTA*	20-23
Oct. 5	at Los Angeles Rams*	20-26
Oct. 12	ST. LOUIS	19-30
Oct. 19	at New Orleans	7-38
Oct. 26	at Kansas City	20-27
Nov. 2	BUFFALO	34-28
Nov. 9	CHICAGO	3-23
Nov. 16	vs. Green Bay at Milwaukee	7-31
Nov. 23	DETROIT	17-38
Nov. 30	at Minnesota	13-45
Dec. 7	at Chicago	14-48
Dec. 14	GREEN BAY	7-21
Dec. 21	at St. Louis	17-21
W2 L14		239-473

WASHINGTON REDSKINS

Sept. 7	PHILADELPHIA	41-14
Sept. 14	LOS ANGELES RAIDERS	10-6
Sept. 21	at San Diego	30-27
Sept. 28	SEATTLE	19-14
Oct. 5	at New Orleans	14-6
Oct. 12	at Dallas	6-30
Oct. 19	ST. LOUIS	28-21
Oct. 27	at New York Giants (Mon.)	20-27
Nov. 2	MINNESOTA*	44-38
Nov. 9	at Green Bay	16-7
Nov. 17	SAN FRANCISCO (Mon.)	14-6
Nov. 23	DALLAS	41-14
Nov. 30	at St. Louis	20-17
Dec. 7	NEW YORK GIANTS	14-24
Dec. 13	at Denver (Sat.)	30-31
Dec. 21	at Philadelphia	21-14
W12 L4		368-296

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Eastern Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
N.Y. Giants	14	2	0	.875	371	236
Washington	12	4	0	.750	368	296
Dallas	7	9	0	.438	346	337
Philadelphia	5	10	1	.344	256	312
St. Louis	4	11	1	.281	218	351

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Chicago	14	2	0	.875	352	187
Minnesota	9	7	0	.563	398	273
Detroit	5	11	0	.313	277	326
Green Bay	4	12	0	.250	254	418
Tampa Bay	2	14	0	.125	239	473

Western Division

	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
San Francisco	10	5	1	.656	374	247
L.A. Rams	10	6	0	.625	309	267
Atlanta	7	8	1	.469	280	280
New Orleans	7	9	0	.438	288	287

Wild Card Game
Washington 19, L.A. Rams 7
Divisional Playoffs
Washington 27, Chicago 13
N.Y. Giants 49, San Francisco 3
Championship Game
N.Y. Giants 17, Washington 0

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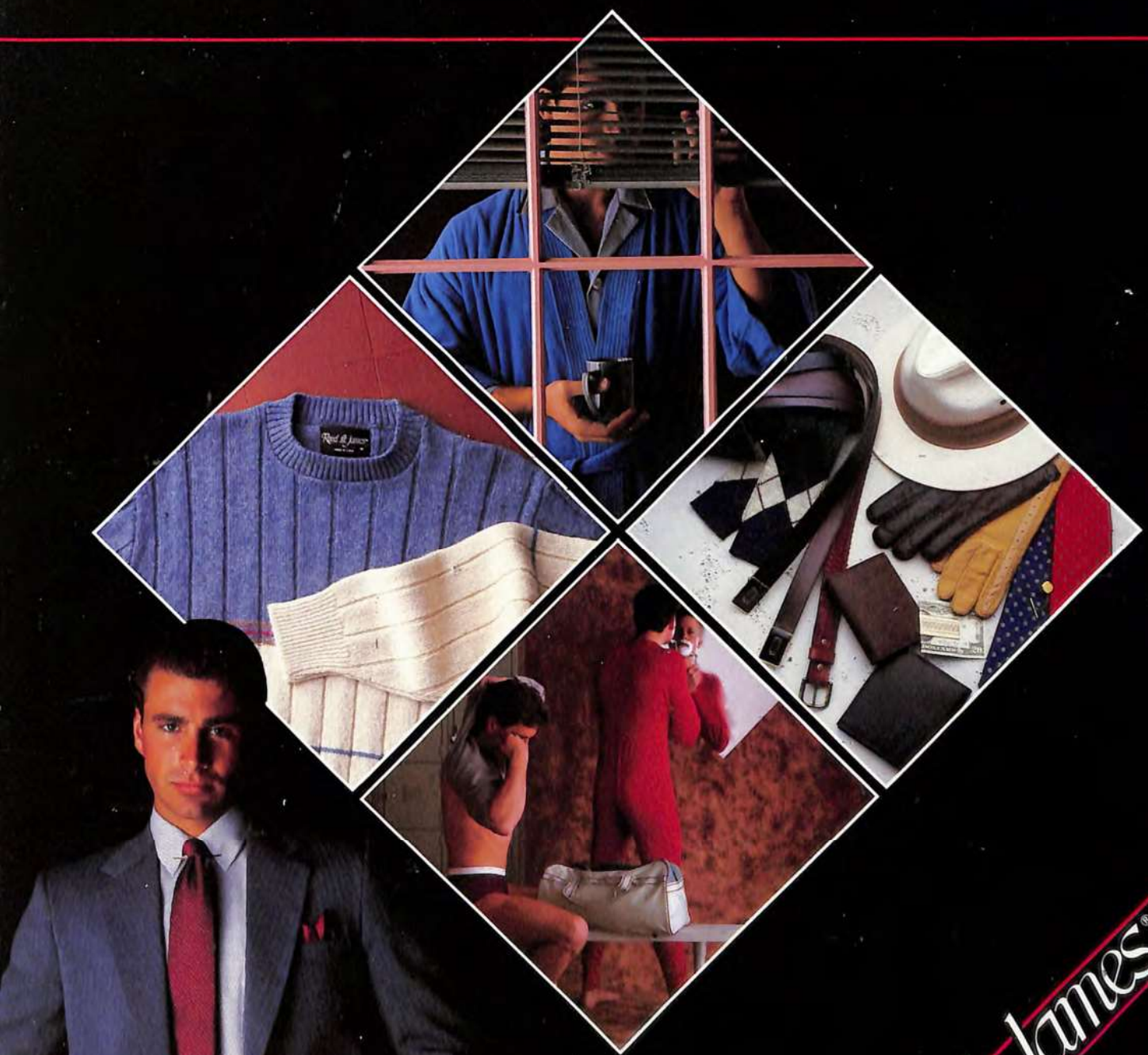

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